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ACT OF INCORPORATION.

RESOLUTION INCORPORATING THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND VICINITY—PASSED MAY, 1824.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That Asa Wilcox, Jonathian Goodwin, Augustus Bolles, Joseph B. Gilbert, Robert Francis, Elisha Cushman, Roswell Burrows, Oliver Wilson, John Turney, Jeremiah Brown, Claudius L. Collins, Rufus Babcock, Wm. H. Manning, and Wm. Quiner, and their associates, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the *General Convention of the Baptist Churches in the State of Connecticut and Vicinity*, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have perpetual succession; shall be capable of suing and being sued, plead and being impleaded, in all suits of what nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure; and may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars. *Provided* that said income, whatever may be the amount thereof, be annually expended and appropriated to the purposes designated in said petition.

Said Convention may from time to time, elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may make by-laws respecting the number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members, prescribe the mode of election, and admission of members, the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum, and all other by-laws and regulations the said convention may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns, to promote and secure the essential objects of said Convention as expressed in their constitution, not repugnant to the laws of this State or of the United States.

The first meeting of said Convention shall be holden at the Baptist Meeting House in the city of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex, on the second Wednesday of June, A. D. 1824, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

This act of incorporation, or any part thereof, may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

RESOLVE IN ALTERATION, PASSED MAY, 1829.

Resolved by this Assembly:—That said corporation be hereafter called and known by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Convention*."

CONSTITUTION OF CONVENTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this body shall be THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote the preaching of the Gospel, and the organization and maintenance of Baptist Churches and Sunday-schools in the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE III. This Convention shall consist of delegates from the Baptist churches in Connecticut, of the same faith and order as the present associated Baptist Churches. Each of such churches as shall have contributed to the funds of the Convention during the year last preceding the annual meeting, may be represented by its pastor and one delegate for every one hundred and fraction of one hundred resident members; provided that no church shall be entitled to more than five delegates besides its pastor. Every church having one or more schools connected therewith may elect and send an additional delegate to represent each such school.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor; all of whom shall be elected annually by ballot, and whose duties shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE V. There shall be a Board of Trustees, not exceeding thirty-three (33) in number, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be chosen annually by ballot. At the first election they shall be chosen in classes of one, two, and three years. At least one-third of the trustees shall be laymen. The Trustees, together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Management, in which shall be vested all the privileges and authority of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be specified in by-laws adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE VI. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present at any annual meeting, after one year's previous notice.

BY-LAWS FOR GOVERNMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

1. The Convention shall meet on Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the morning shall be devoted to the transaction of business in the following order:

1. Calling to order.
2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer.
3. Address of the President.
4. Calling Roll of Delegates.
5. Report of Trustees.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Election of Officers.

Tuesday afternoon and evening shall be devoted to the mission work of the Convention. Reports shall be heard from the Superintendent of Missions, from the Committee on the State of the Churches, and from the Committee on Sunday-schools, together with addresses upon these interests. The annual sermon, if any be provided, shall be preached at such hour as Committee of Arrangements shall decide. Wednesday morning the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will hold its annual session. Wednesday afternoon shall be devoted to reports of committees and to miscellaneous business.

2. The President shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered. Standing committees shall be appointed as follows: (1) On Arrangements for Next Year. (2) On Sunday Schools. (3) On Obituaries. (4) On New Churches. (5) On Temperance. (6) On State of the Churches. (7) On Home and Foreign Mission Work; and such other committees as may be deemed necessary or expedient.

3. The Committee of Arrangements shall endeavor to provide that the meetings of the Woman's Missionary Societies may not be held during the hours the Convention is in session. The annual reports of their meetings may be read in open meetings of the Convention, and by the vote of the Convention may be spread upon the minutes.

4. No objects other than those provided for by the Constitution shall be presented at the annual meeting, unless by the unanimous consent of the Convention.

5. The proceedings of the Convention shall be regulated by the ordinary rules governing deliberate assemblies.

6. The minutes shall be read and approved before the adjournment of the Convention.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1. The Board of Trustees shall hold three meetings during the year, one immediately after the session of the Convention, one in the month of April, and one on the day preceding the next meeting of the Convention. Other meetings may be called by the Secretary at the request of the President, or five members of the Board.

2. The President of the Convention shall preside at all meetings of the Board; in his absence the Vice-President shall preside; in the absence of both President and Vice-President the Board shall choose a President *pro tem*. The Secretary shall be *ex-officio* secretary of the Board.

3. At the first meeting of the Board, each year, it shall elect from its members an Executive Committee of fifteen (15), including the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditor. It shall also appoint a Finance Committee of three. It may appoint other committees if deemed expedient.

4. At the meeting of the Board, in October, the Board of Trustees may appoint a Superintendent of missions, who shall have the general oversight of the work of the Convention under the direction of the Board or of its Executive Committee. The salary of the Superintendent shall be fixed by the Board, and his year of service shall be from the time of his appointment till the next subsequent meeting of the convention.

5. The Board may, at any of its regular meetings, appoint such missionary or missionaries, for evangelistic work within the State, and for such terms of service as it may deem expedient.

6. The Board shall have power to provide means for raising funds for the Convention; also to dispose of said funds according to the provisions of the charter and the Constitution.

7. The Board of Trustees, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, shall, through its Secretary, send to each church and pastor in the State a printed circular, setting forth the number of missionaries appointed by the Convention, the amount of money required to meet the yearly expenditure, together with the approximate amount each church should contribute.

8. All appropriations in aid of churches and for payment of missionaries shall be made by the Board in accordance with the regulations laid down in the by-laws.

9. The Board shall make report of all its transactions to the Convention at its annual meeting.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times during the year, in the months of October, January, April and July, and at any other time at the call of the President and Secretary. They shall consider and report upon all applications for aid. When the Board is not in session its authority shall vest in the Executive Committee, but no contract or agreement made by the Executive Committee shall remain in force beyond the time of the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees unless approved by the Board, except in such cases as have been referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

2. The Executive Committee shall make full report of all its transactions to the next ensuing meeting of the Board of Trustees.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee.

2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President during his absence.

3. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Convention. He shall be the custodian of the securities of the Convention, and shall keep a

careful record of all permanent, conditional, and special trust funds, with a brief statement of the conditions under which they are held and the particulars concerning their investment. He shall keep each class of funds separate and distinct from every other, and from the several funds of the Convention. He shall prepare a monthly statement of the condition of the treasury and submit the same to the Executive Committee through the Secretary. He shall execute all financial documents, and when necessary, affix thereto the seal of the Convention unless the Board of Trustees shall otherwise specifically direct. He shall make payments out of the treasury only upon the written order of the Secretary. Whenever required by the Executive Committee he shall give bonds to such an amount as they may direct.

4. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the meetings of the Convention, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committees. He shall furnish for publication in the *Christian Secretary* brief reports of all important transactions in their meetings, as far as the interest of the Convention will admit. The quarterly reports of the churches aided by the Convention, and of the missionaries employed, shall be made to the Board through him, and he shall prepare, for each meeting of the Board and of its Executive Committee, a statement of the business which needs to be brought before it. He shall draw orders on the treasury only as authorized by the Board of Trustees or its Executive Committee.

5. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make a report thereof to the Convention once a year, and each quarter if required by the Board.

6. The Finance Committee shall have charge of, and approve by their signature, the investment of all the trust funds of the Convention subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. They may require of the Treasurer, statements of all transactions relating to trust funds, and of current receipts and expenditures whenever they deem it necessary. They may authorize the temporary transfer by the Treasurer of the funds of the Convention from one class to another whenever they may deem it necessary. They may, with the Secretary, direct the payment of amounts, not exceeding fifty dollars, in exigencies that cannot await the action of the Board of Trustees or of its Executive Committee. Under no circumstances shall any of the funds of the Convention be loaned to any officer, legal advisor, or member of the Executive Committee, or to any corporation or business enterprise in which any of them is personally interested.

RULES TO GOVERN APPROPRIATIONS.

1. All churches assisted by the Convention shall make their quarterly reports to the Board through the Secretary. All appropriations

to churches shall be made quarterly, and no application for aid will be considered until the report of the church has been received. Quarterly reports must be sent in during the first weeks in October, January, April and July.

2. Appropriations will be made to churches only when such churches have settled pastors, and when they shall have made, within the year preceding, contributions for at least three objects of benevolence, including the Domestic Mission work of the Connecticut Baptist Convention.

3. No appropriation shall be made to any church, when in the judgment of the Executive Committee the pastor of the church is not considered worthy of such aid. It is therefore recommended that any church without a pastor applying for aid, shall confer with the Superintendent of Missions, or the Executive Committee, before the choice and settlement of a pastor.

4. No appropriation shall be recommended, or be made toward the erection of any house of worship until the approval of the plan by the Executive Committee shall have been secured; and in all cases where such appropriations amount to \$500 or more, the church or society so aided shall execute to the Convention a deed of trust of the property, which shall be held by the Convention until such time as the Board of Trustees shall deem it expedient to reconvey the property.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

The Superintendent of Missions shall have the general oversight and care of the entire work of the Convention under the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall visit the churches aided by the Convention as frequently as may be, consistently with his other duties. He shall investigate any new enterprises that should be brought to the attention of the Board and report the same. He shall, as opportunity may offer, present the claims of the Convention before the churches and receive subscriptions and collections for the Convention. He shall be present at all meetings of the Board, and of the Executive Committee, to counsel and advise in all their actions, but shall have no vote. He shall advise the churches aided by the Convention on all matters in which his advice is asked, but he shall not pledge the Convention to any pecuniary aid except as authorized in each case by the Board of Trustees or by its Executive Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws, except such as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee, may be changed or additions made thereto at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote.

Such of these By-Laws as refer to the duties of the Treasurer and of the Finance Committee shall be of equal binding force with the provisions of the Constitution, and can be changed only by a two-thirds

vote of all the members present at the annual meeting of the Convention, and after one year's notice.

GENERAL RESOLUTION.

All resolutions, or parts of the same, heretofore adopted by the Convention, Board of Trustees, or Executive Committee, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws are hereby repealed.

CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING.

All churches sending delegates to the Convention are bound by their obligations to God and their brethren, to make annual contribution to its treasury, and none, large or small, ought, in any case, to fail in this important duty. They are requested to be very particular and exact in their appointment of delegates and designation of funds, and see that these funds are placed in the Treasury, and published in the minutes of the Convention.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Quarterly reports of their condition, financial and religious, should be made to the Secretary of the Convention, by the pastors and clerks of all churches aided.

Applications for aid must be made by the formal action of the church seeking it, signed by the clerk or pastor, with a plain statement of their condition and wants, to be submitted to the Board.

Appropriations shall be withheld from churches which neglect to make contributions to the four following objects: State Missions, the Education Society, Foreign Missions, and Home Missions; and the evidence of such contributions shall be the books and reports of the Treasurers.

No moneys ought to be credited to Domestic or State Missions which were not placed in the Treasury of the Convention for that purpose.

☞ All statistics respecting *members* and *finance* ought to be precise and accurate.

LEGACIES.

FORM OF A LEGACY.—I also give and bequeath to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION *dollars, lands, houses, or other property*, for the purpose of the Convention, as specified in the act of incorporation. And I hereby direct my executor or executors to pay said sum to the Treasurer of said Convention, taking his receipt for it, within months after my decease. [If *real estate* is devised, describe the *premises* with exactness—both lots and buildings.]

FOR THE BUILDING FUND.—I give and devise to THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION, *money, lands, houses, bonds—as the case may be—* for the Building Fund, to aid in procuring or paying for suitable Houses of Worship for Mission Churches.

A similar form will answer for THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY. Only be careful to specify the name.

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CONNECTICUT BAPTIST CONVENTION.

NEW LONDON, CONN., Oct. 20, 1896.

The seventy-third Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Baptist Convention was held in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church, New London, on the above date. President Wayland called the Convention to order at 10 o'clock.

Rev. C. H. Piddock led in prayer.

Rev. F. G. McKeever, pastor of the church, welcomed the Convention.

Mr. President, Delegates and Brethren—There is perhaps no more unnecessary number than this on the program of to-day. The fact that you have been invited and are here is presumptive evidence of your cordial welcome. Our hearts and houses are yours. You have not been invited, as for three years past, to meet in a new and elegant and modern church edifice; but you will perhaps enjoy the comfort of an historic old one, where men of power and piety have wrought in days gone by, and where are still to be found open hands and warm hearts and alert intellects.

New London is itself historic. It began its existence when the child born on the Mayflower was but thirty-six years old. On its soil have been reared patriots who regretted only that they "had not more lives to give for their country." They have resisted the treacherous foe at home and rebellion far afield, and their monuments say they are not forgotten. Within its borders have been and are philanthropists who have erected barriers against ignorance and want and suffering, and their memories will go down to the latest generation. Its ships have sailed the most distant seas and brought back the wealth of foreign shores, and of the sea itself.

In the moments of intermission of this Convention you will be pleased to look upon and think of these things ; but it is not for this, primarily, that you have met. There must be reason in yourselves why we give you a hearty welcome. This is not far to seek. We welcome you

1. *For what you have been.* For seventy¹/₄four years this Convention has been upon its mission of love. Many of your hearts swell as you think of the noble men and women into whose labors we enter, and who from heights of serene happiness look down upon us to day. An examination of the records would reveal the amount of money spent, the number of churches aided, and tell their present material state. But what human arithmetic will compute the consecrated labor, the spiritual results, and the progress of the truth in human hearts? Could our fathers but have beheld even the visible fruits of their toil and sacrifice, in days when Baptists were a feeble folk and lightly esteemed, with what pleasure of hope would they have invested in and embraced the promises. "Other men labored and we are entered into their labors." We welcome you

2. *For what you are.* Noble as were the men and women who wrought aforetime, they could not have surpassed in intelligent zeal those of the present. Into the fibre of the children have been wrought the sturdy hardihood and unflinching faith of the fathers. And if they "contended earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints," we with weapons perhaps less blunt but more searching can do so still.

Many of the problems which called for their solution are ours also. There are, thank God, still churches in their infancy to be helped to walk. There are still churches feeble by reason of age or infirmity, whose lives should be prolonged. And if for our Baptist fathers the star of empire was in the ascendancy, it has not yet reached the zenith. But his only shall be the sceptre who wields the sword of truth. Never, we may dare to believe, were there were more truth-loving Baptists in Connecticut than at this hour. We welcome you

3. *For what you are to be.* Unless all the signs fail, more will be demanded of State Conventions in the next quarter century, especially in New England, than in all their previous years. Opportunities will be offered which will eclipse all that have gone before. More and more we shall be compelled to care for the spiritual need of our commonwealth—"every one over against his house." The French are here, many of them increasingly distrustful of their mother church and earnestly seeking for light. Italy is here. Not the Italy

of history and art, and song, and story, beyond the sea; but benighted, superstitious, almost savage Italy; distrustful of their priests, hostile to the pope, yet knowing not the path of freedom. It shall be ours to point the way, for these and many more who are here. And here may

Dialects unheard at Babel or at Jewish Pentecost,
Now first articulate divinest sounds
And swell the universal anthem.

We need not be discouraged. The two discoveries of our time—youth and womanhood—will be in the future mighty factors for home evangelization, as they are now for foreign; while an increasingly able and cultured yet practical ministry shall lead on.

Of past achievements, present needs and future hopes and purposes you are met to learn. And while you deliberate, and the Spirit guides, and we provide for your comfort, you will be to us a blessing.

President Wayland said in reply :

"In behalf of the Baptist State Convention, I thank you for these kindly words of welcome to your beautiful city and hospitable homes. We are glad to return after a vacation of fifteen years. It is important that you keep in mind the object for which this Convention was formed, and has been continued, that is, to aid the feeblar churches. We have to meet an increasing demand for help, with ever decreasing receipts. If we have not done our duty in this matter what is in store for us? I regret that the closing words of my closing address as President, must be so sad; but it is the truth that must be told. I thank you for all the patience shown towards me in the past, and hope that my followers will see the needed advance."

The President announced the following committees to report at this session :

On Nomination of Officers—Hon. J. L. Howard, Elihu Larkins, Giles Potter, Senator S. J. Hall.

On Enrollment—Rev. C. N. Nichols, Rev. Geo. C. Sauer, Rev. H. A. Chapman.

On Resolutions—Rev. G. F. Ganung, D. D., Rev. F. E. Marble, Rev. Leonard Smith, Rev. W. C. Martin.

On Place and Preacher—Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. H. M. Thompson, Rev. E. W. Husted, Rev. G. D. Reid, Rev. J. C. Breaker.

After singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Rev. J. W. Payne read 1st Cor. 13. Rev. P. G. Wightman offered prayer and Rev. J. H. Mason preached the annual sermon, taking for his text, Rom. 13:8. The preacher's theme was "The Unpaid Debt."

We are to pay our debts as far as possible, but the debt of love can never be paid; it must be continually increasing. The ground of our obligation is not in favors bestowed upon us by men, but the infinite love of Christ has placed upon us an infinite obligation to give this love to the world. The nature of this love must be sought in God's word; for it finds its real home in the bosom of God. He tells us what it is, by telling us what it does. All through the New Testament we see the revelation of this love, and it is wonderfully summed up in the 13th chapter of 1st Cor. The origin of this love should be considered; it is not manufactured, but it is received, for "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts." There is an unfailing joy coming from the effort to pay this ever increasing debt. There is an ever enlarging love, and the untold joy of leading souls to Christ. If the world seems cold, cruel and selfish, then get into relation with this blessed form of love. If we would make the world happy we must open our hearts to the blessed influences of the Holy Ghost.

The sermon was very helpful to all.

The Board of Trustees presented this report through the Secretary:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Dear Brethren of the Convention—Since last we met in Convention two of our number have been called to higher services. At the meeting in Bridgeport, Rev. Dr. Phelps, so long connected with the work in our State and prominent in the National Councils of our denomination, was present with us, and at the request of the moderator made some interesting statements. He told us that he was present at a convention held with this church fifty years ago, in 1845. The easiest way for him to reach this city then from New Haven was to take the steamer to New York, stop in Brooklyn over night, take the Long Island train to Greenport and then the steamer to New London. There were then about 16,000 Baptists in the State. They raised \$1,400 for Convention work and distributed \$505 among the churches. He looked forward then with pleasure at the thought of again meeting with this body in the same church after so long an interval. But he was called to a higher and holier convocation. We shall miss his impressive figure and listen in vain for his resonant yet tender voice.

In the last week of September Brother L. A. Gallup of Norwich Central, for several years on the Board of Trustees, and the Vice-President of this body, was suddenly summoned to the church triumphant. He was greatly respected in the city which has been so many years his home, and was one of the most useful and beloved members of the Church. We remember with what tact and Christian courtesy he presided at some of the sessions of the Convention.

We should mention also the decease of Brother W. S. Bronson, so long identified with the Convention, and, for four years its energetic president. He had been a member of the First Church, Hartford, and an office bearer. We refrain from any more extended notice of these beloved and honored brethren only because the able Committee on Obituaries will present adequate tributes, which will be printed in your proceedings.

A BACKWARD LOOK.

Since 1845 the Convention has met twice in this city, in 1857 and again in 1881, fifteen years ago. A review of the minutes of that meeting brings several important and instructive facts before us. Of the pastors then serving the 120 churches, only three remain in the service of the same church viz.: Pastors Batchelder, Hubbard and

Stone. Pastor Herr, after a temporary absence from the State, is again in charge at Central Norwich. Beside these four brethren there are only six other pastors who are left in the active ministry of the State, viz.: Pastors Allen, Nichols, Piddock, Robinson, Stubbart and Ward, whose name appears fifteen years ago as a licentiate. The total membership in the State was then 20,830; the churches numbered 120; baptisms reported 533; total benevolence, \$21,530; money raised for all purposes, \$170,435. We have made gain in point of numbers, and in the number of our churches, but the largest gain is in the increased amount reported for home expenses and benevolence. This, however, may be more apparent than real, and the result of fuller returns, in these particulars, from the churches.

Since 1881, when we last met in this city, there have been 27 new churches organized; in Ashford Association 1, in Fairfield 6, in Hartford 9, in New Haven 10, in New London 1. To these should be added the church in Rockville; for we find in the Minutes this statement, made by the superintendent, Bro. T. A. T. Hanna, "Rockville is the largest place in the State without a Baptist church." We may state parenthetically, that there are, to-day, several places in the State, larger than Rockville was then, in which, yet, there is no Baptist church. There are now nine foreign speaking churches. The number of these latter churches brings before us, very vividly, the increased responsibility which has been, in the Providence of God, thrown upon the Convention within the last fifteen years.

What was the mission field of the Convention fifteen years ago? From the report of the Treasurer, James Lockwood, we learn that aid was extended to 28 churches and missions, only two less than were on our list last year. The full amount of money paid directly to these churches cannot be learned except by a close study of the treasurer's report. Out of these 28 churches, we are sorry to say, that four are no longer in active existence, viz, Chesterfield, Tolland, Manchester and Brookfield. But it is very encouraging to be able to report that 11 of the churches, then seeking help, have since become self-supporting. Among these we note, Danielson, Grand Avenue, New Haven; Ansonia, Spring Hill, East Washington Avenue, Bridgeport; Brooklyn, Plainsville, Rowayton, Wethersfield, Willington and Stafford. Certainly the remembrance of what has been done towards fostering these churches into strength and independence, should encourage us in the work we are doing now.

Ten, however of the churches on the list in 1881, are still among our beneficiaries, and one more of them is again sending earnest appeals

for help. It remains true of the community of churches in a State, as of the community of Christians in the church, "the poor ye have always with you, and whenever ye will ye may do them good." But this distinction should be always borne in mind. The Convention does not solicit charity for the brethren in these churches. They do not ask for benefaction, nor simply that their own burdens may be lightened. They are working for the Kingdom. They are sacrificing, some at least are, as few of our larger churches do, to keep the fire burning upon their altars, and they only ask that the little you do, added to the much more that they do, may make their labors and sacrifices effective. We could wish that the idea of charity, and almsgiving might be as thoroughly dissociated from the State Mission work as it is from Foreign Missions. Surely if anything is done directly from the Master this work is. Six additional churches of this class, not then aided, are now on our list.

THE PRESENT OUTLOOK.

Turning now from the past, fifteen years behind us, let us look at the general outlook of the work in the State. The six Associations have already met, and the churches have made their annual reports. Two new churches have been organized within the year. Both have been received into the Hartford Association. One of these is the Olivet church of Hartford, which has grown out of the mission known, for twelve years, as The Parkville Mission. This mission has always been supported by the city churches of Hartford. The new church is still dependent upon these churches for ability to maintain themselves. A large addition is being made to their house of worship, at a cost of about \$3,000. The pastor's salary is paid by the Hartford Baptist City Missions. The prospects before the young church are encouraging. The other church is that at Torrington, of which more will be said elsewhere in this report. The Grand Avenue Church, New Haven, has completed, at a cost of over \$13,000 a much needed Sunday-School and prayer meeting building. It is more than a mere addition, as it is larger than the original building and is designed as a permanent part of a projected new church home. Between nine and ten thousand dollars has been contributed towards the erection of this building by the Baptists of New Haven, outside of the Grand Avenue Church. The Montowese Church has also built a commodious vestry, and put a baptistry into their house, at a cost of \$2,000. Half of this amount has been raised from friends. The Asylum Avenue Church, of Hartford, is still engaged in enlarging

their sanctuary at an expense of several thousand dollars. The Swede Church of New Haven has come into possession of a church edifice on William Street, at a cost, including the repairs, of \$4,000. Sixteen hundred dollars of this amount has been contributed by the New Haven Baptist Union. Hence there has been no stint of money in carrying on these enterprises, and increased facilities are provided these church for prosecuting their work.

When the figures are all got together we think it will be found that, in spite of the "hard times," there has been no diminution in the amount of money raised for home expenses, by our churches. Nor will there be much if any lessening of the amount contributed to General Benvolence.

The number of baptisms in the State is 1257. The Stonington Union reports the large number of 380. These were mostly in the Noank, Mystic and Stonington churches. The brethren are familiar with the remarkable work of grace in these three churches, and we do not need to enlarge upon it. The Ashford Association reports 32 baptisms. In the New London Association there were 137 baptisms. Three of the churches, which have been too weak to sustain a pastor, report large accessions. Surely the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. There would seem to be no need to despair of any field, when fields that we have deemed barren are thus made to blossom into fruitfulness. The baptisms in the Hartford Association were 164, of these the New Britian German, which has, till the last two years been aided by you, reports 28, the Winsted Church 16, and the Rockville Church 11. In the Fairfield Association the number of baptisms is 129. New Haven Association reports 415. The total number is seen to be much greater than last year, but has not reached the number of the year before. To those who have attended all of the Associations, it is evident that perhaps never in the history of the State did the churches seem to be in better working order. They are feeling the need of a deeper spiritual work, and are looking with greater longing, and in a truer spirit of service for "season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." We do not remember a time when the churches were so well supplied with pastors. There are only two or three churches destitute of pastors. We can face the future with hope. The promises never fail.

THE WORK OF THE BOARD.

The Board and its Executive Committee have held the usual number of meetings through the year. These meetings have been more fully

attended than at some former times, and your brethern have used their best judgement in directing the business entrusted to them. No one of us wishes to bespeak your praise for himself, but it seems proper to remind you, our brothers, that attendance upon these meetings, and the discharge of the special committee business assigned to us, call for a considerable expenditure of time and money on the part of the members of the board. It is more than possible our action has not always been the wisest. We have tried to make the little means we could rely on go as far as we could. We have been obliged to trust to the benevolence of the churches, in meeting the obligations we have assumed in their behalf. To what extent we have been too sanguine the report of the treasurer will disclose.

At our first meeting we retained the services of the superintendent for the current year. At the same meeting we renewed the appointment of the Evangelist, Rev. W. H. Johnson, for six months, and at the semi-annual meeting we re-appointed him, leaving the term of his service to be decided by the special committee on evangelistic work. We have retained on our list of aided churches and missions all those of last year except the Winsted Church, which has put itself on the self-supporting list. We have added two, viz.: White Hills and the Shiloh church of New London.

The special work to which we have set our hands is the organization of the new church at Torrington. In the month of December, after careful consideration of the field by Brethern Piddock and Fennell, together with the Secretary, it was decided to begin public preaching in a hall. The work has been carried on since. The Secretary has given most of his time to this service. A church has been organized and is in efficient operation, with a Sunday-School, Young People's Society, Ladies' Aid Society and missionary societies. There is a band of faithful and efficient Christians, men and women, many of whom have had good training on other fields, and who are more than ready to do all in their power to build up a Baptist church in that prosperous town. Your Board authorized a special appeal to the churches for money with which to purchase a lot. Nearly \$1,200 has been sent in response to that appeal. A fine lot has been purchased at a cost of \$2,000, \$1,500 of which has been paid. The church, by an expenditure of \$350, has fitted up the Town Hall as a place of worship. But they cannot secure undisturbed possession and often are compelled to release it for police trials and caucusses and elections. On each of these occasions they are compelled to remove all their seats and even the matting on the floor. This puts them to a great

deal of annoyance and some expense. Worse than this, it prevents the making of appointments for extra meetings. The superintendent and those of your Board familiar with the condition of the Torrington church, are firm in the conviction that, when the church shall be comfortably housed, they will, within two or three years, be able to pay their own expenses. A wiser use of the Lord's money, if there should be any left in the pockets of His stewards, it would be hard to imagine.

OUR AIDED CHURCHES.

So much has been written of these in the recent monthly issues of "The Advance" that we do not need to take much of your time speaking of them this morning. A tabulated statement will be found in the printed copies of this report that we hope the pastors will bring to the close notice of their people, that our brethern may see how many, and varied, and important, and wide-spread over the State are these fields, and what good work is being done by the brethern, whom you are helping to keep at work.

FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.

In Bridgeport there are three churches that have looked to you for help. The Messiah, W. N. Morton, pastor, has been worshipping in its new house. The congregations have largely increased. That there have been no accessions by baptism has been largely due to the fact that pastor and people have had their thoughts and time occupied with their financial burdens. Your Board made them a loan of \$500 at the beginning of the year. They are making heroic efforts to pay it back. One hundred dollars of it is raised. The people, within nine months, have collected among themselves \$1,646. As they are all poor, in order to do this they must have made more pecuniary sacrifice than perhaps any other church in the State.

A committee was appointed on the German Church early in the year. The first conclusion of this committee was that the enterprise should be abandoned and the property sold and another mission started in a different part of the city. The committee from the German Missionary Society coincided in this opinion. But on second consideration it was determined to give the church further trial on the same ground. The rent of the parsonage is to be paid into the treasury of the Convention, to provide in part at least, for the interest on the mortgage of \$3,000. Some repairs have been made on the church building, which have been paid out of your treasury.

Brother Henri Gelan has been serving them acceptibly as pastor. The Home Mission Society is paying him \$250, and the church has asked your Board to pay an equal amount. The Board has appropriated only \$25 per quarter. Some of the disaffected brethren have been won back, additions have been made by baptism, and the church is in a hopeful conaition. Three of the prominent members of the other churches are on the Board of Trustees, and nothing is done without their full approval. We can hardly expect that Brother Gelan can continue his work without more financial help.

The Immanuel Baptist Church, Rev. H. A. Chapman, pastor, has quietly continued its work, is at peace among themselves, and is on the road toward self-support. How long or difficult the remaining way may be it is impossible to tell. Occupying a thickly settled portion of the city but little supplied with church accommodations, it has been hoped that this church would, before this, have been able to care for itself. It receives but little help now, and the pastor serves the church on a very small salary. When the mother church shall have freed itself from debt, which it is now rapidly doing, we may hope that it will assume the care of this interest, and perhaps by moving it still farther west open before it a road to prosperity.

The New Canaan Church has occupied the attention of a committee of your Board. Overtures were made to assume one-third of the salary of a good man as pastor. Nothing could be done at that time. Now a more hopeful state of things exists. If it should be possible for the Board to enter upon any new work the coming year, it is certainly desirable that this important point should be held. There is a comfortable chapel, with no debt upon it, a large community of unconverted people to work upon, and a few faithful men and women to aid in the evangelization of these people. It would seem a shame to abandon the field.

NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.

The churches helped within the bounds of this Association are first the Shelton Church. The former pastor, A. W. Smith, left the church to accept a position as missionary under the Hartford Baptist City Mission. After a short interval Rev. F. D. Luddington was called from Northville. Your Board has made an appropriation of \$50 a quarter this year. We feel a good degree of confidence that under Brother Luddington's leadership this church will make good advance.

The New Haven Swede Church we have already referred to. It is doing a satisfactory work. It, as all the other foreign speaking

churches, is helped by the Home Mission Society. So important does this work appear in the eyes of the officers of this National Society, that, notwithstanding the necessity they feel for retrenchment, there is no hint given that they will withhold help from these churches in our State. We cannot then, for a moment, think of abandoning the work thus providentially thrust upon us. The two other interests fostered by you in this association are the Waterbury German and the Swede Mission in the same city. In addition to these four a new mission has been commenced in Naugatuck, where Pastors Elsdon and Nichols have done good work. A Sunday School has been started, and preaching services are regularly held. We are told that there is material there for the formation of a church when the time comes for a forward movement.

HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.

It so happens that the large territory covered by this Association, includes thirteen churches that are, in a measure, dependent upon you for aid. Winsted, where the first work was done only six years ago, is already off your list. Its place has, however, been taken by Torrington. The splendid success achieved by the first should be sufficient encouragement for prosecuting the new enterprise. After Brother Elmer left Bantam, Rev. S. J. Smith was ordained and settled over the three churches that constitute his field. Reports of his work are very encouraging. Rev. C. N. Nichols is in charge at New Hartford, and is giving satisfaction. He is a man of large experience and the church is safe in his hands. Rockville has put on a new face since the coming of Mr. Wedge, but asks that the same aid, \$300 per year, be still extended to them. The church in Tariffville is at present without a pastor. The West Hartford church is doing as well as may be expected. Growth in this church is necessarily slow, yet there can be no reasonable doubt of future success, if the church continues to faithfully endure, and the Convention stands by them. The Hartford Swede church has purchased a lot, on which they hope soon to build a chapel. The New Britain Swede is making commendable progress, and gradually lifting off the burden of the debt on their house of worship.

NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.

Within the bounds of this Association, there are four churches at present receiving aid from you. These are, Old Lyme, East Haddam, New London Shiloh and Norwich Mt. Calvary. Pastor Gavin still

remains in charge at Old Lyme, and is making good proof of his ministry. At East Haddam, or Moodus, Pastor Marshall is doing all that seems in the power of any man to do on that quite discouraging field. The Norwich Mt. Calvary church is gradually gaining in strength, and in the confidence of the community. The New London Shiloh has only recently started, and its future is not yet assured. We have already alluded to the ingathering in two of the smallest churches in this Association. They are the Salem, and the Lake's Pond churches. Should it seem advisable to settle pastors over these churches, your Board will doubtless be asked to help in their support. Our ability to do so will depend upon the amount of funds contributed by the churches.

THE ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.

Three churches in this Association have been helped by your Board the past year. Andover is at present without a pastor. The church has been visited by Pastor Lemon as the committee of your Board, and there is fair prospect of restored harmony among the people. The present prospect is that they will unite in the calling of a new pastor. They will look to the Board for continued help. Pastor Chappell, is finding encouragement in the two churches of which he is pastor. One of these, Westford, receives a little help, fifty dollars a year, towards paying their share of the joint salary. Both of these churches are occupying fields that would be left destitute of the gospel were these churches abandoned. The Eastford church, under the pastoral care of Rev. T. P. Briggs, is giving a very good account of itself. This church was the mother church of Windham County, and gave its name to the Association. There is still a large community dependent upon the church for its spiritual instruction, and there is yet a future before this old church. We esteem them fortunate in having secured the services of a man so experienced and able as their present pastor.

STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.

The Poquonnoc and Sterling churches are the only ones now on our list. Pastor Allen still ministers to the former with great acceptance. With only one exception, he is the oldest pastor in the State. The progress made within the past two years is remarkable. Financially the church is still weak, but it has largely increased in numbers and its spirituality has been quickened. The Sterling Church, after several months of waiting has been fortunate in securing the services

of Rev. Justus Aldrich, who had, for many years, been in the employment of the Rhode Island Convention. There are other fields in this Association that might well repay some attention at the hands of your board. The Second North Stonington, together with the church at Laurel Glen, organized last year, are both without settled pastors. These two might respond to labor in their behalf, and possibly be united in the support of a common pastor, though your Board recognize that he would be an uncommon one who could satisfactorily serve two churches.

THE FRENCH MISSION.

Rev. N. J. DuMesnil, who has been in charge of the French work during the past year, has confined his labors mostly to Danielson. The special promise that was held out in the beginning of the year, of large gains on this field, has not materialized. There has been, and still is a rebellion among the French Catholics against the tyranny of the priesthood: but the people have not turned, with any earnestness, towards Protestantism. The men who came from the Pauline Propaganda, do not seem to have carried on the work with the needed discretion. It is an exceedingly difficult work, and demands men of unusual tact. Mr. DuMesnil, has already left the field. Mr. Williams, the superintendent of French Missions in New England, asks your Board to join with the Home Mission Society in supporting two men, students in Newton, to labor, one in Putnam and one in Danielson. The success of this mission warrants continuance of the work. We cannot abandon the hope that God will, in His own good time, bring this deluded people into the clear light of gospel truth. We who, of all denominations, are freest from the false doctrines which the Papal church has foisted upon the world, are surely the best prepared to be the Moses of this Exodus. Since we were so long in responding to the call from God, we cannot wonder if we have to wait for the fruition of our hopes.

THE ITALIAN MISSION.

A mission among the Italians, which had begun in Stamford, was adopted by your Board at their semi-annual meeting, with the understanding that one half of the missionary's salary be paid by the Home Mission Society, and the other half by the Stamford, and the New Haven Calvary churches jointly. This arrangement has been carried out. Brother DaCarlos has prosecuted the mission with great assiduity, preaching in Stamford and New Haven every Sabbath

He has also begun a work in Bridgeport. Here is a people more ready to receive the Gospel than any class of Romanists that have ever come to this country. It would seem that we should be recreant to our trust if we failed to enter any open door to these people.

THE WORK OF THE EVANGELIST.

Rev. W. H. Johnson, was reappointed to the work of an evangelist at the beginning of the year. His work is familiar to the brethren and does not need detailed mention in this report. He labored with fidelity in all the fields, in many places with marked success. He closed his connection with the Convention the first of September. Brother Johnson is a man of more than usual gifts for the special work in which he has been engaged. He is zealous and enterprising, and devoted to his work. Like all men who succeed in evangelistic work, he has a strong individuality, and can work only in his own way. Your Board cannot regret that the experiment was made, yet they feel that there are serious difficulties in the way of the employment of a State Evangelist. The churches generally prefer to select their own helper in special meetings. Where they do invite the State Evangelist they pay little towards his support, and this, of itself, operates to make them less interested in him and his work.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

Mr. Evans' time has been mostly occupied with the affairs of the new interest in Torrington since the middle of last December. He has preached there nearly every Sunday. Hence he has been able to make but few visits to the churches in the interest of the Convention. He continued the publication of "The Advance," as a quarterly, until the cessation of the "Christian Secretary." Since that time the paper has been published as a monthly. The primary object has been to put and keep before the churches a full account of the State Missions. It has been hoped that the subscriptions, and what might be received for advertisements would at least pay the expenses of the paper. This hope has not been realized. Advertisements are not easy to secure for a paper of this description, and while a few of the pastors and churches have responded to the appeals for subscription the majority have been indifferent. Such a paper is a valuable means of communication between the churches. It cannot expect to compete with the large weeklies, but it has a field of its own, and with the help of the pastors it could be made a success. Your Board has agreed to pay the deficit up to the present time, but whether it shall be continued or not must depend upon the action of the Convention.

OUR FUTURE.

This rapid survey of our field must convince us all that we cannot do less than we have done in any department of our activity. We cannot refuse continued help to our smaller country churches, some of whom have shown this year what possibilities of growth, and recovery are still within their reach. Nor can we do less for the unevangelized masses of foreigners, who so slowly assimilate themselves to our civilization, and left uncared for, would be a menace to our national existence. The gravity of the situation is understood by our far-seeing men. The Home Mission Society is spending much of its strength on New England. It looks to the Convention to at least aid them. It gives back to us much of what it receives from us. We cannot expect it to do more. Indeed we ought to take care of our own. Then the planting of new churches in our growing towns, this is our most hopeful sphere of labor, and while calling for large immediate expenditure, yet the returns are large, and the churches thus helped, soon become succorers of others.

The report of the treasurer, however, will show that there is a large deficit, in our accounts. The \$10,000 which the Convention pledged itself to raise has not been forthcoming. The contributions from the churches are more than last year. But our expenditures have exceeded our receipts for the last three years, or more. We find ourselves face to face with a heavy deficit. If obliged to retrench, where shall retrenchment begin and where shall it end? If the present appropriations are to be kept up, how is the money to be provided? Dear brethren, your Board look to you for suggestions, and direction in this matter, and trust it will receive thorough discussion in your meeting. We can only say that in the future, as in the past, we will do all in our power to carry out your wishes, and supply the needs of the field, as far as we can, with the means entrusted to us. All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Board.

P. S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

In the absence of the Treasurer, W. F. Walker, Rev. P. S. Evans presented the summary of the Treasurer's report; this was adopted with the understanding that the Secretary shall have the privilege of inserting the full report in the "Minutes."

The report of the Board was laid on the table for further consideration.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported, through their chairman, Hon. James L. Howard, and the following officers were recommended.

For President—W. A. Grippin.

" *Vice-President*—Hadlai A. Hull.

" *Secretary*—Philip S. Evans.

" *Treasurer*—W. F. Walker.

" *Auditor*—J. E. Darrow.

Voted, That the chairman of the Committee be instructed to deposit the ballot for the above list of officers; upon his doing this they were declared elected.

After prayer, led by Rev. W. E. Witter, the Convention adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention reassembled at 2:30. W. A. Grippin, the newly elected President, was in the chair.

In taking the position, President Grippin said:—"I want to say at the outset that I yield to no one in speaking of the sterling qualities of the retiring President. Amongst the qualities may be mentioned that he can be relied upon to speak the truth, but when it comes to the whole truth it is another thing. It was asked whether I had been consulted about this matter; without a smile he said, "he has been."

It is true that I had been consulted, but I supposed that I had given good and sufficient reasons why another man should be appointed; so it was more of a surprise to me than to any of you when I was called upon to occupy this position. I am sensible of the high honor conferred upon me, and I ask your forbearance and co-operation. One of three things will be shown,—either a largely increased revenue, or that we have a large deficit, or our work will be greatly restricted. These are hard times; but it is in just such times as this that historic efforts are in order, and the increased effort will result in great good. There are but few who could not do a little more for Christ. To increase our debt would be a ridiculous proposition. All things done for Christ should be done on a good business basis; nor should we curtail the work. The calls are greater and more imperative than ever before; it is the opportunity for the Convention to rise up and do that which is within their power. We should return to our homes resolved to see that at least \$10,000 shall be raised. We certainly ought to pay our honest debts.”

Moved, To take from the table the Report of the Board, and bring the matter forward for open discussion.

VOICES FROM THE FIELD.

Rev. N. T. Allen of Poquonnoc said:

I have been in the ministry for fifty-three years, I have been on the present field eight years; it was a part of my field forty-nine years ago, and I am now preaching to the grand-children of some whom I baptized at that time. The church is small and promises to be so. For nearly eight years before I came to the field there had been no baptisms; I worked for six years before any great interest was shown; I was very much discouraged, but the young people organized a society, and soon an interest was awakened and sixteen or eighteen came to Christ. The past winter forty or fifty were converted and thirty-one were baptized, and five were received by letter. There are three hundred people in the field; the first six years of my work I traveled five thousand miles to reach my people.

Rev. G. W. Sauer of White Hills said :

We are about four miles from Shelton, and the field is about four miles square; there is only one church on the field. Of the ninety families sixty are Episcopalians, twenty are Baptists, the others are indifferent. We raised \$650 last year, and received from the Convention \$25.00, and think we can do our own work this year without help. There have been no baptisms, but we hope to see many before the year closes.

Rev. F. D. Luddington of Shelton said :

When I went to the field it was not for health or pleasure. We have received \$200 from the Convention, but if you will give us your prayers we will not ask any further financial aid. More than anything else we need the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Henri Gelan of Bridgeport said :

A year ago some of you thought this church would be dead before this time; but instead of that ten have come in. The Lord is richly blessing us spiritually; but we have a debt of \$3,300 on our church building. The rent of our parsonage pays the interest on this amount. The church has thirty-three members.

Rev. W. N. Morton of Bridgeport said :

I have been on the field for eight years; it has been a struggle all through this period. We have been able to build a church; we have paid \$2,100 for a lot, and the house cost about \$7,000, but now we have a debt of 4,500. We raised \$1,600 the past year, and if we could get rid of our debt, we could take care of ourselves.

The work at Torrington was presented by Bro. N. E. Whiting, who has been recently baptized.

A year ago there were 10,000 inhabitants, now there are 11,000. There has been no Baptist church until now. We have raised \$428.07 since January; we have thirty-four members; the attendance last Sunday at Sabbath-school was sixty-one, the average attendance forty-five. We have held meetings in the town hall, but cannot have it for use after next May. We very much need a chapel.

The ladies in a social raised \$49.00; and the Sabbath-School has a fund of \$50 called the Chapel fund.

The Swedish work at Meriden was presented by Rev. T. Clafford.

We have six hundred people in the city, and sixty members. It is a hard working church, and a spiritual one too. Last Sunday night two were seeking Christ. We are trying to become self-supporting; to this end we have days of offering when our members give all they can earn on that day towards diminishing the church debt.

After singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D., spoke of "The Possible Future of our Country Churches."

We must recognize the fact that the trend is toward the center of population, leaving the country churches weak so that in some way they must be helped. Two suggestions were offered,—help them in an Associational way; the city pastors going out to assist these people occasionally, as Rev. A. S. Brown has done at Scott Hill and Lake's Pond. In the New London Association there is an Evangelistic Committee which has helped the churches very much. Another way is to endow the churches as Rev. D. D. Lyon has done in his will, for the churches at Salem and Scott Hill; giving to each \$500 on condition that each one should raise an equal amount to put with it. It would be well to make the State Convention the custodian of such funds, so that if these churches fail the money can be of service elsewhere.

Rev. W. P. Elsdon considered, "The Fields not yet Occupied."

Naugatuck, has a population of 10,000, but no Baptist church, though there are about one hundred Baptists in the place. Last spring three young people from the place were baptized. I have held an afternoon service in a hall, and when I could not go, have sent some one else. If we could have a chapel, a good church could be organized within two years. There is already a good Sunday-School, and an excellent Thursday evening meeting well attended.

Of the "Work Among the Foreign Born," Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D., said:

The homogeneity of our population continued until within fifty years; but now the ends of the earth have come to us. The problem

that comes from the mixing of our population is one of the worst we have to solve. That our population should be one in their ideals of government, and in their education is of the utmost importance to the development of a healthful state.

In Connecticut 200,000 out of less than 800,000 are foreign born, and they come from every land. In our cities some portions are given up to the Irish, others to the Germans and others to the Italians. These elements spread contagion; we need to strike out into this foreign field right amongst us, and strike when God's hour comes or the battle will be lost. It is now a time when as a Convention we should rally to God's call in God's way, and mold these elements by bringing them into personal loyalty to Christ.

In the open discussion which followed, Rev. Pasquale DeCarlo spoke of the work among the 30,000 Italians in the State and showed the need of a colporter; and stated that one is all ready to go into the work as soon as the means can be provided.

Bro. T. Tetrault, spoke of the work among the French in the State.

Brethern Mason, Miller, Rhoades, Meyer, Elsdon and Stone took part in an interesting and profitable discussion of the theme.

Voted, That the report of the Board of Trustees be accepted.

Rev. E. W. Husted presented, as the report of the Committee on the Nomination of Trustees a list of names; and the persons named were elected.

Rev. C. L. Rhoades stated that the Publication Society was ready to co-operate with the Convention in this State and put a French and an Italian colporter into the field. In a few moments \$222.00 were pledged toward this work.

After singing, "The Morning Light is Breaking," the afternoon service was closed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. J. B. Marsh of Rhode Island.

TUESDAY EVENING.

An anthem was rendered by the choir; Rev. W. C. Martin read Mark 16: 9-20, and Rev. I. F. Stidham led in prayer.

An address on "Colporter Work" was delivered by Rev. J. B. Marsh. And "The Immigration Problem and Christianity's Relation Thereto," was discussed by Rev. K. B. Tupper, D.D., Philadelphia.

Each address awakened a deep interest, but cannot be given in "the Minutes."

After singing, "My Country 'Tis of Thee,"

Rev. G. W. Nicholson pronounced the benediction, and the Convention adjourned until Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Convention reassembled at the call of President Grippin at 9 P. M.

Rev. G. W. Nicholson presented the report of the Committee on the "State of Religion in the Churches."

Report of Committee on State of Religion in our Churches.

Mr. Moderator and Brethren:

Your Committee appointed last [year] to prepare a report on the state of religion in our churches, based on the statistics of baptisms and benevolence, respectfully submit the following:

	BAPTISMS.	BENEVOLENCE.
Ashford Association	32	\$ 2,057.00
Fairfield "	129	5,569.16
Hartford "	154	8,798.48
New Haven "	415	25,452.79
New London "	137	5,728.18
Stonington Union	380	4,062.74
	—1,257	—\$51,708.24

Increase by Baptisms 332, decrease in Benevolence \$3,068.83. Comparing the figures in the Associations we find some having gained, others lost, but the totals do not develop so great a difference as we had feared, and in consideration of the depressed state of the markets of our country, and the many who are not engaged in any business pursuits because impossible to secure employment. On the one side, while we have had an increase by baptisms, we ought to feel greatly encouraged and thank God for his gifts. The committee desire to congratulate the brethren on the blessed results which have followed their arduous toils, their earnest prayers, and their self-sacrificing giving to the Master's cause in the various departments. We read in last year's report that as far as the Baptist cause is concerned we reached the high water mark during 1894, there having been a total of 1,321 baptisms, the largest in the history of our State. This is slightly incorrect, as in the "Minutes" of 1866, we are told that there were 1,394 baptisms in that year, that is 73 more than in 1894. We also read in the "Minutes" of 1867, that in that year there were 371 baptisms in the Stonington Union, which was more by 36 than were baptized in the whole State in 1870. What the lesson, said Jesus to his disciples, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile, such days need be not the less busy, simply turn the energies into other channels. There must be time given for recuperation of exhausted nature, and the gathering of fresh vigor for the coming campaign. As we have the ebb and flow of the tides on the seas, the Spring and Autumn of the seasons on the land, so there is to be found the same law of operating in the spiritual realm; and as there are certain valuable ends accomplished in the one period, so equally true is it of the other.

Hence, we have the sowing of the seed, and the preparation of the soil, and the energizing of forces when not gathering the harvests of souls or laying large benefactions on the altar of the Lord.

Is there anything significant in the sections where large harvests have been garnered and the lives and labors of such men as Jabez Swan, N. E. Shailor, Wm. Denison, Cushman, Trumbull, King and others!

He that goeth forth and reapeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him.

Is the difference in results to be sought in the character of the men, or in the manner, and spirit of their preaching, or in the work of the Sunday-School, or the living in the family and the community.

Rev. Dr. Weston at the Conference in Brooklyn last week, preached on the theme, "The Place of the Holy Spirit in Preaching." In the course of the sermon he asked, why there were so few Presbyterians Low Church Evangelical believers and Quakers in England to-day, and replied by saying, when they had the chance, they preached Christ, the way, and the truth, but neglected to emphasize the life without which decay and death ensues; then he asked what is to be our future? What the place of the Holy Spirit in our preaching, has He been the inspiration of labor and sacrifice. Have we waited sufficiently long in the *upper room*?

Is the chief anxiety and labor that souls be born within your church?

A sad reflection on reading the "Minutes," the number of churches where there has not been one baptism for one or more years. Another sad reflection, that we have fallen so far short of the mark we made for ourselves last year, that we would raise \$10,000 when we have scarcely raised half.

Your committee would suggest for discussion.

The pastors of each of the Associations be called together for prayer and conference on the present crisis.

Each of the larger churches surrender the pastor for one or more weeks, to help the feeble churches in an evangelistic effort.

Are the best methods being used for increase of membership?

The legitimate place for our State Convention work in our bene-factions?

That there be a more uniform and general adoption of a practical systematic plan of giving to the Lord's work.

We may learn a very profitable lesson from the method of raising the collection for missions of \$122,000 at the meeting of the Christian Alliance led by Dr. A. B. Simpson at Carnegie Hall New York on October 11th.

G. W. NICHOLSON.	} Committee.
S. W. DELZELL.	
R. H. SHERMAN.	
N. A. MARRIOTT.	
H. E. MARTIN.	

After a discussion in which Brethren Wightman, Sherwood, Linsley, McKean, Elsdon, Miller, Dea. Palmer and Taylor, participated the report was laid on the table until the afternoon session, and the Convention adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

President Grippin called the Convention to order at 2:30 P. M.

Rev. Harvey Linsley offered prayer.

The report on State of Religion in the Churches was taken from the table, and Rev. C. A. Piddock moved that the Convention appoint one from each Association to make a fair and equitable apportionment suitable to the needs of the Convention at this time.

After discussion by Brethren Martin, Linsley, McKeever and Wheaton the motion was carried, and the report of the Committee on State of Religion was accepted.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees be reconsidered, and the report given back to the Committee and that they submit another report later.

The report on Place and Preacher was presented by Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., recommending that we meet with the Asylum Ave. Church, Hartford, and that the Annual Sermon be preached by Rev. M. D. McKinney, with Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D., as alternate.

The report of the Committee on Home and Foreign Missions was presented by the chairman Rev. Henry Clarke.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee makes the following report:

To enter into the presentation of what has been done for the financial side of missionary work during the past year, would be to tell the same old story with slight variations. There has been the same crying need, and the same failure to satisfy it. There has been the same vast army of Christians, and the same spectacle of large numbers fighting just a little. The history of the kingdom of God on

earth has been a history of struggle. Different periods of that history have presented different phases of the conflict. In our day, the supreme struggle is not against temporal powers, or against a misguided church, or for men to do the work, but for the means by which the work may be carried on. The world has never been as rich as it is to-day. There has never been the amount of wealth in the church that there is at the present time. Rich and poor alike probably spend money more freely than ever before. And yet the great work which has been committed by the world's Saviour to the church alone, stretches out both its hands, and pleads from year to year, and at the end of each year is still found crying out against the deaf ears of the church.

We sought to discover the cause of our unfaithfulness, and are forced to the conclusion that the sole reason for the condition which we so often bemoan is the apathy of the church in general with regard to the work which her Lord meant her to share with Him. We are not indifferent to the fact that vast sums are raised annually for the outreaching work of the church. We are not accusing the church of being entirely recreant to its trust. But, believing that the Master never asks from the servant more than he can perform, and hearing the unsatisfied cries of the unredeemed parts of the world, we cannot but feel that the Master sees more ability to fulfill His last command than is at present exerted. Our suggestions in this report, therefore, will not be primarily in the direction how to raise more money, but how to strike at the root of the whole difficulty, and replace apathy by wide-awake and far-reaching activity.

There will be no substantial advance until the burden of responsibility is felt not only by the few, but by the many. There may be spasmodic rallies, brought about by different means, but they will be only spasmodic until the body of the church bears the burden. The mass of the people know little responsibility for keeping alive and making effective our missionary organizations. We are impressed with the feeling that, next to planning for the salvation of those to whom they preach, pastors must give themselves to the task of devising means for affecting this result among their own people. How easy it all seems as we hear how little is asked from each one: Two cents a week from each of one million of the Baptists of our country would mean a half million dollars each for the Missionary Union and Home Mission Society. Two cents a week more from Connecticut Baptists would put \$10,000 a year into the Convention Treasury, and furnish \$10,000 more to be divided between the Publication Society,

work of education and Minister's Home. Yet we have been a long long way from hitting this mark, easy though it seems. We never shall see effort commensurate with the need, until the people, and not merely the pastor and a little coterie, feel concern for the wide interests of the kingdom.

We believe also, that the needs of the work will never be met until the people learn to give according to knowledge. A pathetic story will bring more money than an avalanche of facts. The plain statement of need seldom has the desired effect. The most successful pleaders are the specialists in arousing emotion. We cannot help feeling that the wheels of our missionary work will never run easily until there is some change in this respect. We may be accused of being impractical, and of suggesting changes that never can be brought about until all human nature is changed, but we believe that, unless this revolution can be affected, we shall face the same difficulty to the end of the chapter. We urge the continual effort on the part of our missionary centers to fill our churches with missionary intelligence. The people need knowledge more than they need appeals. We would specially suggest the frequent publication of figures showing just what proportion of money raised finds its way to the different fields, and what proportion must be consumed in the machinery of organization. Knowledge of this nature would do much to correct misconception, and insure intelligent giving. Knowledge is always power, and especially knowledge of the kingdom of God. Ignorance is always weakness, and especially ignorance of the kingdom of God. Much of our weakness in missionary work is due to the lack of an intelligent grasp of facts by the people from whom the means must come.

We would emphasize the value of personal appeals. The best results cannot be obtained by a printed notice in the pews stating on what Sundays the annual offerings will be taken. Our people need something more than reminding. Interest must be kindled, and, if possible, enthusiasm. Every offering should be made as personal as it is possible to make it. Committee work is to be commended. Often a circular letter from the pastor, sent through the mails to every member, man, woman and child, enclosing an envelope with the request that it be brought with the offering on the specified date, will be found to be the greatest blessing to the church. Some such means should be devised for every offering, in order to deepen the impression that the subjects of the kingdom are individuals, and that with them the final responsibility rests.

We are convinced that the future welfare of our missionary work depends largely upon the interest in our missionary organizations which can be stimulated in those who, in a few years, will be the strength of our membership. Our Sunday-Schools and Young People's Societies ought to contribute regularly from their treasuries to the treasuries of our organizations. We recognize the importance of the Woman's work, and would not detract from the gifts of the young people to that work. But we cannot close our eyes to the truth that many adult scholars in our Sunday-Schools, and a large proportion of the members of our Young People's Societies could not even speak correctly the names of our missionary organizations. How can we expect the best results when so many begin so late to find out anything about what their denomination is seeking to do? We urge that these training schools of the church be made more familiar with the missionary work, by being led to contribute regularly, either independently or in connection with the offering of the church proper, to the missionary funds of the denomination.

In the last place, we urge upon this Convention, as a means of banishing indifference, and securing the best results possible, the plan suggested by the Commission on Systematic Christian Benevolence. It is not necessary for us to enter into the plan in detail, for that will probably be done by that member of the Commission who is with us to-day. Our denomination has awakened to the great lack of intelligent system in our offerings for missionary work. We most earnestly appeal for co-operation on the part of this Convention in the work outlined in the published plan of the Commission. We trust that it will be your pleasure to organize a State Commission that shall seek to secure like organizations in our Associations, that these in turn may perform similar service in our churches.

May our great Counsellor deal kindly with us in leading us in the paths of wisdom in our labor for Him, and in inspiring us to untiring effort to make His church so strong that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

HENRY CLARKE.

For the Committee.

Rev. T. S. Barbour, D.D., of Mass., delivered an address on Systematic Beneficence, and was followed by Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., and Mrs. M. C. Reynolds.

Upon the motion of Rev. G. M. Stone it was voted, That

the Convention to-day appoint a subordinate committee, to co-operate with the National Committee on Beneficence, to be composed of one from each Association and that there be one known as commissioner at large.

Voted, That Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D. be commissioner at large.

Voted, That the others be selected by the Chair in conference with Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented by Rev. Leonard Smith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Many of our devoted brethern, and especially useful men, some whose presence added interest to the Convention held at Bridgeport last year, both ministers and laymen, have passed on to the assembled hosts who await their final reward.

It will not be possible in the space allotted to us to mention the virtues of all of these, but we think some are worthy of special mention, and first among them is our brother of sainted memory, Dr. S. P. Phelps, author of the familiar hymn, "Saviour, thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me," and many others of singular merit. His poetical works met with hearty commendation. His sermons were scriptural, spiritual and edifying. As those of us who had the privilege of hearing his affectionate words spoken on the last day of the Convention last year will recall, his statement at that time was that he had been privileged to be present at the convention for fifty consecutive years and he desired to speak at that time, as he thought it would be the last opportunity of addressing the Convention. He was pastor of the First Church, New Haven, for years, and afterwards for many years the able editor of the *Christian Secretary*, and at the same time preaching the Gospel. He was a wise counselor and a man of sound judgment, whose presence is missed in this Convention.

The other worthies are the Rev. Phillips, Beardsley, Temple and Smith, all of whose faces were familiar in our Conventions, and who now "rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." Another brother worthy of special mention, while not a member of this Convention, yet whose heart was ever with us, is the Rev. Henry Bromley, who began his ministry fifty-seven years since at Spring

Hill, Mansfield. He was an able assistant to many of our most able ministers in New York, Philadelphia and Brooklyn. In the last named city he was the missionary for nearly forty years, founding several churches, among which was the Greenwood Church, of which he was an honored member at the time of his death. His life was not one of greatness, as men count greatness, but of usefulness in Christ's kingdom and at his burial not hundreds but thousands came to pay their last tribute of love and respect. He was honored in life and honored in death, the church claiming the privilege of burying his remains.

An honored deacon of the Central Church of Norwich, Brother L. A. Gallup, and Brother W. S. Bronson of the First Church, Hartford, both men of peculiar ability, both having served as officers of this Convention very acceptably.

Nearly all the churches in our Convention have been called upon to add to the numbers of the church triumphant.

We do not sorrow as those without hope, but praise our Heavenly Father, that as He calls these home to rest, He forgets not to call more laborers into His harvest.

C. A. PIDDOCK, }
LEONARD SMITH, } *Committee.*
E. DEWHERST, }

The report was accepted and ordered printed in the "Minutes"

Voted, That we appoint Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, and Rev. Henry M. Wolf, Jr. as delegates to the Anti-saloon Convention to be held in Washington next December.

The report of the Committee on Nomination of Trustees was presented and adopted, and the parties named were elected.

Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, spoke earnestly on destroying the saloon.

A few minutes were given to Rev. J. S. James to present the work of the Connecticut Temperance Union.

Rev. J. C. Gavin presented the following report on New Churches.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CHURCHES.

During the past year two churches have been added to the Convention family, and one Association has both—the Hartford Association. The Olivet church was organized on the 26th of March and was recognized by council April 22d, and then had a membership of forty one, now forty-three. This church is the outcome of a Sunday-School, established in 1872 by members of the South Church, upon the suggestion of Rev. W. C. Walker, Sunday-School missionary of the Convention; the school afterwards became a mission, and since 1892 has been in the charge of a missionary of the Hartford Baptist Union, Bro. Smith, the Union's present missionary, serves Olivet as its pastor.

The Calvary Church, Torrington, was organized April 13th and 20th with twenty-five members by letter, which number has now increased to thirty-one, including two recently baptized. Bro. Evans, who has been identified with this church from its inception, still serves its pulpit. The report of our Board further alludes to this promising field.

Praise God who thus hath blessed us with increase. Now for Naugatuck!

Respectfully submitted.

O. F. PISTOR.

NLS EK.

J. C. GAVIN.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by the chairman, Rev. G. F. Geuung.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That it is with sincere regret that we are compelled to dispense with the further service of our retiring president, Judge Francis Wayland, who has for ten years so efficiently and genially administered the affairs of this Convention. We have found in Mr. Wayland a wise counsellor, an earnest leader, a polished gentleman, and a genial and valued friend. We trust it will be long before the stimulating and helpful influence of his administration shall fade out of our memory.

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RESOLUTIONS ON TEMPERANCE.

It being fully established and universally concluded that the saloon is the implacable enemy of man and the irreconcilable foe of the religion and kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ in this world, therefore resolved :

1. That we declare ourselves unalterably opposed to the saloon in all its forms and under all guises and disguises.

2. That we denounce the saloon and with it, the conduct of its allies, who through cupidity voluntarily share the profits of a business under the ban of public condemnation and who vainly attempt to shield themselves with a cloak of respectability, but who in the sight of our Lord Jesus Christ and of honest men add hypocrisy to complicity with a great wrong.

3. That the man who votes for the saloon, because of the revenue received from it, which lessens his portion of the public burden of taxation, in essence sells his vote to the saloon keeper.

4. That the community which voluntarily receives a license-fee from the saloon is particeps criminis and instead of honestly raising the money needed for its public purposes, takes the price of its honor from the saloon keeper and constitutes him tax gatherer or publican, with warrant to recover the tax-money with extortion and cruelty from the imprudent and unfortunate.

5. That the diversion by the saloon from the legitimate channels of trade and living of enormous sums of money is the most potent agency in producing distress discontent and trouble among the struggling wage-earners of the country.

6. That if the saloon be wrong for the individual, it cannot be right for town, city or state.

Resolved, That our sincere, and hearty thanks are given to the First Baptist Church and the other good people of New London, for their hospitality at the church, and in their homes; the committees, singers and others who have contributed to make the machinery of the session run smoothly; to the press, especially *The Secretary*, for its enterprise and courtsey in reporting the proceeding, and to the railroads for their concessions to delegates in their journeying to and from the Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

G. F. GENUNG.
LEONARD SMITH.
W. C. MARTIN.

The resolutions were adopted separately and then as a whole.

Rev. W. G. Fennell presented the

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

When your Committee was appointed one year ago, it was recommended that their duties be enlarged to include some special Sunday-School work during the year. Owing to unusual obligations in other directions, this Committee has been unable to carry out the duties according to the original intent; they have, however, had considerable conference over the matter and the result of their work we herewith present.

On looking over the field and studying the "Minutes" for a series of years some facts appears which ought to awaken our interest and our endeavor. For general comparison, we have chosen the "Minutes" of 1869 as being unusually full. Placing side by side 1869 and 1875, we have total enrollment in Stonington Union Association in 1869, 2,587; in 1875, 2,495; a loss of 92. In Hartford Association, then 3,539 without Litchfield County; in 1875, 3,698 with Litchfield County, a gain of 159. New London Association, grew from 2,500 to 3,430; a gain of 930. Ashford dropped from 1,674 to 1,534; a loss of 140. New Haven has more than doubled, growing from 3,117 to 6,569, a gain of 3,452. Fairfield stood then 1,704 and 2,485 last year, a gain of 781.

Let us make another comparison using the figures of 1891 and 1895 or 1896, showing our gain or loss in the last five years. Ashford in 1895 stood 1,534, a loss for the five years of 207; Fairfield shows a loss of 109, the total being 2,709. Comparing 1891 and 1896 in Hartford Association, this number of 2,871 represents a loss of 126. New Haven gained 1,462 and has reached a total of 6,569. New London has changed the figures from 2,611 to 3,430, a gain of 819. Stonington has gained 272, *i. e.* from 2,223 to 2,495.

This reveals a condition of affairs that ought to lead us to renew our energies. In some portions of the State a loss, in some a stand-still, in others but the slightest increase. We do not need to remind you of the importance of our Bible-School work in relation to the church and the kingdom of Christ. But while we know these arguments we do not feel their force sufficiently to lead us to put them into actual use.

Your Committee would suggest that the Sunday-School Committee of this Convention be empowered to enlarge itself after conference with the Associational officers, by the appointment of three carefully chosen men from each Association, whose duty it shall be to organize new schools, wherever there may be an opportunity, to encourage weak schools by their occasional presence and counsel if the officers of such schools welcome or approve, to furnish such inspiration in any line of Sunday-School as may be in accord with the plan of the Central Committee.

Your Committee would commend the last summer's meeting at Crescent Beach, as far beyond previous years in interest, and would bespeak for this branch of our State work the loyal support of the schools.

Your Committee would recommend that a little time be given to the discussion of our general Sunday-School interests at our Convention meetings. Without a strong support of these interests we shall suffer weakness in the personnel of the church. Let us feel anew the responsibility. It was God who commanded. "Thou shalt teach these things diligently unto thy children."

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. FENNELL.

H. H. TAYLOR.

J. C. COLLINS.

A. B. RYAN.

W. H. SMITH.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

Rev. C. N. Nichols presented the report of the Committee on Enrollment. Eighty-one churches are represented by 303 delegates; the total registration is 383; last year 98 churches were represented by 324 delegates.

Moted, That the report be accepted with the privilege of printing it in detail.

Moted, That the Secretary be authorized to print the "Minutes" without reading to the Convention.

President Grippin appointed the following Committees for next year.

Committee on Nomination of Trustees—Rev. F. W. C. Meyer, Rev. S. A. Ives, Rev. W. M. Weeks, Rev. Harvey Linsley, Rev. R. E. Turner.

Committee on Obituaries, (Clerks of Associations)—Rev. E. W. Husted, Rev. G. C. Chappell, Rev. R. O. Sherwood, Rev. W. R. Bartlett, Rev. J. C. Hyde, Rev. E. Dewhurst.

Committee on Sunday-School Works—Dr. Wm. P. Chipman, J. W. Davis, C. E. Pryor, Dea. H. D. Stanton, E. D. Smith, F. Goss.

Committee on Temperance—Hon. Hadlai A. Hull, Rev. A. C. Powell, Rev. E. R. Perkins, Rev. G. W. Sauer, Rev. O. F. Pistor, Rev. J. C. Gavin.

Committee on State of Churches—Rev. W. C. Martin, Rev. W. F. Newton, Rev. A. K. Foster, Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. F. E. Robbins, Rev. Edwin Bennett.

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions—Rev. J. C. Breaker, Rev. J. B. Lemmon, Rev. C. L. Rhodes, Rev. A. P. Wedge, Rev. J. R. Stubbert, Rev. E. T. Miller.

Committee on New Churches—Rev. F. C. Hanna, Rev. Leonard Smith, Rev. W. G. Harris.

Committee on Arrangements for Next Year—Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. H. M. Thompson, Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph. D., Rev. J. S. Lyon, Rev. P. S. Evans.

On motion adjourned.

P. S. EVANS, *Secretary*.

W. A. GRIPPIN, *President*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15, 1896.

Balance on hand at last report. \$ 102 48

RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES:

Ansonia,	\$ 50 00	Middletown,	29 93
Bloomfield,	15 85	Montowese,	10 00
Branford,	41 50	Moodus,	10 00
Brid'pt, E. Wash. Av.	29 81	New Hartford,	5 00
" First,	77 10	New Britain, First,	153 09
" Messiah,	10 00	" Swedish	11 89
" Swedish,	10 00	" German,	6 05
" German,	7 00	New Haven, First,	211 00
Bantam,	5 00	" Calvary,	281 63
Brooklyn,	10 00	" German,	20 00
Chester,	12 75	" Hope,	40 57
Clinton,	10 50	" Swedish,	5 00
Colchester,	5 00	New London, First,	50 82
Col'brook, No. and So.	5 00	New London, Hu'n st.	10 50
Cornwall Hollow,	4 75	New Milford,	13 00
Cromwell,	8 00	North Lyme,	30 00
Danbury Second,	53 80	Norwalk, First,	14 80
Deep River,	82 30	Norwich, Central,	150 00
Eastford,	20 00	Norwich, First,	25 00
Easton,	5 00	Old Lyme,	23 00
E. Cornwall	12 00	Packersville,	20 00
Essex,	75 00	Plainfield, Union,	4 04
Groton, First,	24 25	Plainville,	19 93
Hartford, Asylum Av.	133 57	Poquonnoc Bridge,	10 00
" First,	102 00	Putnam,	54 81
" Memorial,	43 00	Rockville,	20 00
" South,	209 12	Rowayton,	11 50
" Swedish,	21 00	Saybrook, First,	5 30
" Olivet	2 64	Shelton,	10 90
Jewett City,	21 32	South Willington	5 00
Meriden, Main St.	45 30	South Windsor,	7 00
" German,	5 00	Southington,	14 15

Spring Hill	16 50	Wallingford,	83 00
Stafford,	6 00	Waterbury, First, . .	200 00
Stamford Itali'n work	45 00	" Second, . .	5 00
Stepney,	11 00	" Swedish . .	5 00
Sterling Hill,	10 00	Waterford, First, . .	2 00
Stonington Borough, .	100 00	" Second, . .	19 16
" Third, . .	6 25	West Hartford, . . .	2 60
" Second, . .	6 50	Westport,	3 25
Suffield, First, . . .	30 00	Willimantic,	25 00
" Second, . .	40 12	Willington,	6 00
Tariffville,	5 00	Winsted,	7 00
Thompson Central, . .	12 33	White Hills,	3 25
Voluntown,	6 00	Yalesville,	19 12
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			\$3,116 55

FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Asylum Av., Hart'rd, .	10 00	West Woodstock . . .	6 28
Groton Heights, . . .	6 65	Jewett City,	2 85
Middletown,	23 26	Immanuel, Bridgep't, .	8 00
H'nt'on st. N. London, .	10 22	Southington,	18 98
Warrenville,	2 40	Yalesville,	5 00
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			93 64

FROM INTEREST.

Chapman fund,	270 00	E. N. Francis fund . .	44 00
Cone fund,	180 00	Alfred Francis fund, .	71 00
Miller fund	80 00	May fund,	25 00
Rowayton fund, . . .	180 00	Phelps fund,	60 00
Sheldon fund,	20 00	Martha Rogers fund, .	22 50
Dunham fund,	195 00	<hr/>	
			\$1,147 50

FROM Y. P. S. C. E.

Thompson,	3 00	Warrenville Miss Band	3 25
Boys' Club of Ready .		Helpers, 2d, Suffield, .	6 00
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			12 25

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FOR TORRINGTON.

A.J.Shipley, Wat'b'ry,	50 00	W. J. H. Pollard,	
Winsted Y. P. S. C. E.	24 50	Stonington	25 00
Friend, Cal'ry church,		Wallingford S. S. . .	31 23
New Haven,	25 00	M. E. Morris, Bridge-	
Friend, Wallingford,	25 00	port,	25 00
J. R. Mitchell, Bristol,	25 00	W.A.Grippen, Bridge-	
J. H. Mason, New		port,	25 00
Haven	25 00	John Knapp, Bridge-	
Miss M. Williams,		port,	25 00
Chester,	1 00	A Friend, Bridgeport,	25 00
C. N. Nichols, N. Hart-		A Friend, Bridgeport,	10 00
ford,	5 00	A Friend, Bridgeport,	10 00
P S. Evans,	25 00	Lewis Hall, Meriden,	25 00
Mrs. M. C. Read,		A Friend, Meriden, .	25 00
New Haven	50 00	Putnam B. Y. P. U. .	25 00
Mrs. F. Wayland,		2d Suffield King's	
New Haven,	25 00	Daughters,	10 00
F.Wayland, N.Haven	25 00	2d Suffield Y.P.S.C.E.	10 00
J. L. Howard, Hart-		Calvary, New Haven,	10 00
ford,	50 00	W. S. Pomeroy, Suf-	
Julius Twiss, New		field,	25 00
Haven	25 00	Friend, 1st Wat'bury,	25 00
M. N. Griswold, Win-		Danielson Church, .	61 77
sted,	25 00	G.M. Morse, Putnam,	25 00
G. M. Stone, Hartf'rd,	25 00	1st Hartford S. S., .	11 27
Geo. W. Smith, "	25 00	W.G.Fennel, Meriden,	25 00
E. Miller, Meriden,	25 00	W. F. Walker, New	
Chas. E. Prior, Hart-		Britain	25 00
ford,	25 00	First, New Haven, .	150 00

1,134 77

MISCELLANEOUS.

Collections at Convention, Bridgeport	79 73
Women's For. Mission Society of Conn. for minutes,	10 00
Loan for Messiah Church, Bridgeport,	500 00
Balance of Chapman Fund,	67 58
P. S. Evans, services as supply,	40 00
Woman's Home Mission Society for minutes,	5 00

From loan,	1,625 00
New London Association for minutes,	10 75
Stonington Union " " "	5 00
New Haven, " " "	8 14
Ashford, " " "	6 00
" " Contribution,	7 97
From Winsted property,	11 37
Haddie Hull, Stonington,	1 50
Waterbury German, paid on loan,	50 00
Parkville Mission,	3 00
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	8,038 23
Due Treasurer,	826 54
	<hr/> 8,864 77

PAYMENTS TO CHURCHES.

Bridgeport, German,	75 00
" Messiah,	150 00
" Immanuel,	150 00
New Haven, Swedish,	150 00
Meriden, "	100 00
Hartford, "	100 00
New Britain, "	150 00
Waterbury "	100 00
French Mission,	250 00
Shelton,	125 00
West Hartford,	200 00
Tariffville,	112 50
Rockville,	300 00
Andover,	25 00
North and South Colebrook,	60 00
Eastford,	100 00
Poquonnoc Bridge,	60 00
Old Lyme,	100 00
Mt. Calvary, Norwich,	100 00
Waterbury, German,	200 00
White Hills,	50 00
Westford,	50 00
Shiloh, New London,	37 50

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Bantam and Cornwall,	112 50
New Hartford,	75 00
Lakes Pond,	25 00
Sterling,	37 50
Salary and expenses of Secretary,	1,656 65
Printing,	240 75
W. H. Johnson, Evangelist,	771 17
Messiah Church, Bridgeport,	500 00
Torrington lot and interest,	1,515 00
Income to North Colebrook,	45 00
" " Rowayton,	90 00
" " North Stonington,	80 00
" " Mansfield,	52 00
" " Andover,	39 00
" " Wethersfield,	140 00
" " Moodus,	178 20
" " Willington,	104 00
Interest on loan,	37 50
" on Bridgeport German,	165 00
" " Shelton,	45 00
Expenses of Executive Committee,	16 50
Insurance, Bridgeport German,	42 00
P. S. Evans, printing,	35 00
Repairs, German, Bridgeport,	35 00
Italian work, New Haven, Calvary Church,	37 00
" " Stamford,	45 00
	————— \$8,864 77

I have this day examined the above accounts, with vouchers, and find the same to be correct.

JOHN E. DARROW, *Auditor*.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Oct. 19th, 1896.

SUMMARY OF REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance at last report,	102 48
Received from Churches,	3,116 55
" " Sunday Schools,	93 64
" " Interest,	1,147 50
" " Y. P. S. C. E.,	12 25
" for Torrington,	1,134 77
" from loans	2,125 00
" collections at Convention,	79 73
" " other sources,	226 31
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Balance,	826 54
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PAYMENTS.

To Churches	2,995 00
Salary of Secretary and expenses,	1,656 65
W. H. Johnson, Evangelist,	771 17
Messiah Church, Bridgeport,	500 00
Torrington,	1,515 00
Printing,	240 75
Interest,	247 50
Income to churches,	728 20
Micellaneous,	210 50
	<hr/> \$ 8,864 77

BEQUESTS.

The Income of which is Payable to Designated Churches.

Bequest of Eber Dunham,	\$4,500 00
" Esther N. Francis,	900 00
" Almira O. Cone,	5,000 00
" Ann M. May,	500 00
" Alfred Francis,	1,500 00
" Anna E. Miller,	1,000 00
" A. E. Phelps,	500 00
" Sarah M. Frisbie,	1,000 00

Bequests, the Income of which is Payable to the Convention.

Bequest of Martha Rogers	\$ 500 00
" Hannah B. Bixby,	870 00
" Chas. H. Chapman,	6,500 00
" C. H. Sheldon,	500 00

Bequests, the Income of which Accrues.

Bequest of Alva Baldwin,	1,267 20
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The Convention also holds the title to the following church property: New Hartford, German of Bridgeport, Shelton, Calvary Church, Putnam; Winsted, Meriden Swedish and Torrington; and mortgages for \$1,000 on New Britain Swedish Church, and \$900 on German of Waterbury.

LIABILITIES.

Loans	\$ 4,325 00
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PRINTING ACCOUNT.

Rec'd from Woman's Foreign Miss. Union of Conn. . .	\$ 10 00
" Woman Home Missionary Society,	5 00
" New London Association,	10 75
" Stonington Union "	5 00
" New Haven, "	8 14
" Current funds,	201 86
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	\$ 240 75
Paid Waterman & Wright,	5 00
" Dibble & Brink,	229 50
" Adkins Printing Company,	6 25
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	\$240 75

The following sums were paid in since the closing of the Treasurer's account, which were meant to be included in this year's receipts.

Union, Mystic	\$ 69 50
Hartford, First	110 00
Meriden, Swede	20 00
Meriden, First.	91 00
Bridgeport, First	52 00

\$342 50

Other amounts were also received which will be credited on next year's accounts.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Ansonia*—Rev. and Mrs. W. D. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. George Gunning, Mr. Robert Thompson, Mr. Henry Cook.
- Branford*—Rev. P. G. Wightman E. Wightman, I. P. Leets, Mrs. Lounsbury.
- Brooklyn*—Rev. and Mrs. E. Bennett, R. B. Witter.
- Bridgeport, First*—Rev. G. W. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Grippin, L. S. Morris and Mrs. Morris.
- Bridgeport, German*—Rev. Henri Gelan.
- Bridgeport, Immanuel*—Rev. H. A. Chapman, Mr. Samuel Vanstane.
- Bridgeport, Messiah*—Rev. W. N. Morton.
- Bozrah*—Rev. J. S. Cranston.
- Bristol*—Rev. John S. Lyon, W. L. Hart, Mrs. Louise Beebr.
- Clinton*—Rev. R. H. Sherman, Mrs. Cordelia Beckwith, Dea. E. R. Bacon and Mrs. Bacon.
- Colchester*—Mrs. M. L. Smith.
- Danielson*—Rev. B. U. Hatfield, Miss Westcott, Miss Alice Bowles.
- Deep River*—Rev. G. H. Gardner, Mr. Irving E. Gilbert, Miss Grace Kingsley, Mrs. Julius Post, Dea. H. C. Kingsley.
- Eastford*—Rev. and Mrs. I. P. Briggs.
- East Haddam*—Rev. Jabez Marshall, Mr. L. M. Stark, Mr. Jasper Brooks.
- East Lyme*—Rev. H. E. Martin, Dea. F. E. Newton, Geo. Maynard, Mrs. D. B. Richmond.
- Easton*—Rev. W. M. Weeks, Dea. C. S. Everett.
- Essex*—Mrs. Gurdon H. Post, Alice LaPlace.
- Groton, First*—Rev. D. W. Phelps, Dea. Amos D. Turner, Amos B. Taylor, Dea. Simeon Gallup, Wm. D. Beckwith.
- Groton Heights*—Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Miller, Dea. and Mrs. F. Gallup, Dea. and Mrs. C. H. Merritt.
- Haddam*—Mrs. Emma C. Ventres.
- Hartford, Asylum Ave*—Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Mr. C. E. Prior, Mr. James A. Williams, Mr. J. A. Bailey, Mr. J. L. Denison.
- Hartford, First*—Rev. Harold Pattison, Rev. Albert Guy, Dea. J. L. Howard, Dea. L. C. Glazier, Dea. R. P. Chapman, Mr. E. B. Boynton, Mr. J. G. Bennett, Mr. J. H. Turner.

Hartford, Memorial—Rev. H. M. Thompson, Miss Mystic Calhoun.

Hartford, Olivet—Rev. Arthur Warren Smith, Miss Geneva B. Smith.

Hartford, South—Rev. Frank Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Talhurst, Mrs. W. C. Augur.

Jewett City—Rev. J. W. Payne, Dea. T. M. Crumb, James B. Palmer, Jr., Wm. R. Palmer.

Mansfield—Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, Mrs. O. W. Gurley, Edgar F. Storrs.

Meriden, First—Rev. W. G. Fennell, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Twiss, Mr. and Mrs. John Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Seth J. Hall, Edward Miller, Sr., Mrs. B. C. Kennard, Mrs. Wilbur Hall, Mrs. Isaac Williams, Miss Fannie L. Twiss, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Ives, Arthur E. Miller.

Meriden, German—Rev. E. Berger,

Meriden, Main St.—Rev. and Mrs. Edwin E. Husted.

Middletown—Rev. R. Maplesden, J. D. Shipley, C. D. Rice, W. J. Trevithwick, Mrs. E. A. Eley, Mrs. Kate Smith, Mrs. Lincoln.

Montville—Rev. S. G. Hastings, Mrs. D. D. Lyon, Mrs. S. G. Hastings.

Mystic—Rev. and Mrs. Archibald Wheaton, Dea. R. P. Wilbur, Dea. E. F. Wilcox, Dea. W. H. Smith, Chas. H. Packer, Thomas Packer, Owen H. Williams.

New Britain, First—Rev. I. F. Stidham, Mr. W. F. Walker, Mrs. E. H. Beardsley.

New Britain, German—Rev. O. F. Pistor.

New Hartford—Rev. C. N. Nichols.

New Haven, Calvary—Rev. E. M. Potent, D.D., Dea. Elihu Larkins, Dea. Giles Potter, Mrs. Kate M. C. Johnson, Mr. Geo. Baldwin, Mrs. Wilhelma Beecher, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Douglass, Mrs. S. C. Johnson.

New Haven, First—Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Mason, Rev. and Mrs. P. S. Evans, Mrs. P. C. Durham.

New Haven, Germantown—Rev. F. W. C. Meyer.

New Haven, Grand Ave.—Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Sage, Dea. O. J. Hull, Dea. C. D. Manwaring, Wm. Preston, Miss Hattie Hitchcock, Miss F. I. Beebe.

New Haven, Hope—Rev. Joseph A. Elder, Hon. Francis Wayland, Mr. S. O. Preston.

New Haven, Olivet—Rev. A. K. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. King.

- New Haven*, Swede—Rev. Frank J. Liljegren.
- New London*, First—Rev. Franklin G. McKeever, Rev. A. J. Wilcox, Joseph Saunders, Palmer Crocker, Henry Bishop, Elisha V. Daboll.
- New London*—Huntington St.—Rev. J. R. Stubbett, W. Potter, F. Gates, Mrs. H. G. Holmes.
- Niantic*—Rev. and Mrs. Joseph McKean, Dea. J. J. Comstock, Dea. Horace Dennison, Dea. W. H. Mosier.
- Noank*—Rev. W. C. Martin, Dea. and Mrs. Robert Palmer, Dea. R. A. Morgan, Hon. W. A. Fraser, Dea. Roswell Sawyer, Dea. A. V. Morgan, Charles Davis, Miss Abbie Palmer.
- North Lyme*—Rev. J. G. Ward, Mrs. Wm. Sisson, Mr. M. J. Stark, Miss Emily J. Stark.
- North Stonington*, First—Rev. H. L. Harrington, Mrs. D. F. Chapman, Mrs. R. P. Palmer, Mr. E. E. Gray.
- Norwalk*, First—Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Buttery.
- Norwich*, Central—Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Herr, D.D., John H. Cranston, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Otis, Miss Lillian Herr, Mr. S. B. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Smith.
- Norwich*, First—Rev. A. S. Brown, Dea. W. R. Cowan, John Mackensie, Elmer Grodotzke, Mrs. Mary Rising.
- Norwich*, Third—Rev. W. F. Newton, Mrs. T. M. Perkins, Mrs. F. E. Newton.
- Old Lyme*—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gavin, Mrs. Fred Harding, Mrs. E. D. Caulkins.
- Packerville*—Rev. A. A. Robinson.
- Plainfield*—Rev. Samuel W. Dellzell, Rev. J. P. Brown, Waldo Tellinghast.
- Poquonnoc*—Rev. N. T. Allen, Charles C. Palmer.
- Preston City*—Rev. C. Leavens Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome J. Palmer.
- Putnam*—Dea. James W. Manning, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Clark.
- Quaker Hill*—Rev. J. Chester Hyde, Miss Jennie Comstock.
- Rockville*—Rev. A. P. Wedge, F. A. Gehring.
- Salem*—Dea. J. Stoddard, C. L. Ray.
- Southington*—Rev. J. C. Breaker, Samuel McKensie, Mrs. C. A. Cadwell, Miss M. Orr.
- Stamford*—Rev. C. L. Rhoades, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Waterbury, Mrs. W. N. Demorest, Miss Nellie Lounsbury.
- Stonington*, First—Rev. and Mrs. Henry Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hull, Mr. and Mrs.

George A. Slade, Mrs. Wm. King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cheesebro, Mrs. Dudley Cheesebro, George Wilcox, Mrs. Wm. Brewster.

Suffield, First — Rev. Harvey Linsley, Dea. J. C. Hastings.

Suffield, Second — Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D.

Torrington—Mr. U. E. Whiting.

Voluntown—Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewhurst, Mrs. Sallie Hines, Mr. G. E. Lamphere.

Wallingford—Mr. F. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown.

Warrenville—Rev. G. C. Chappell

Waterbury—Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Eldon, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shipley, Mrs. Jacques, Mrs. E. W. Smith, Mrs. James Tripp, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tetrault.

Church 81.

Waterford—Rev. H. M. Wolf, Jr., Dea. H. S. Smith, Dea. John H. Braman, Mr. John Beach, Mr. Leverett Dimmock, Mr. James A. Gallup, Mr. Alonzo M. Beebe, Miss Florence Greene.

Wethersfield—Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Piddock.

West Hartford—Rev. W. R. Bartlett.

White Hills—Rev. George Carlisle Sauer.

Willimantic—Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Lemon, Dea. and Mrs. E. G. Sumner.

Willington—Rev. C. H. Brown, Miss Clara Hall, Miss Rose Hall, Legrand Johnson.

Winthrop—Mrs. E. B. Elmer.

Yalesville—Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Perkins.

Delegates 303. Reported.

BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTER.

Ashford Association.

TOWNS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.
Andover	Joseph Cassidy.....	J. Vera Stearns.
Brooklyn	W. Frank Chapman...	Abby Witter.
Danielson.....	Henry C. Warren.....	H. E. Burton.
Eastford.....	S. C. Simmonds.....	Mrs. S. Simmonds.
Mansfield.....	Frank N. Slate.....	Miss Mabel Slate.
Putnam	F. A. Hopkins.....	Charlotte Hopkins.
Stafford	Jarvis Hyde.....	Mrs. E. E. Warren.
Thompson Center.....	John D. Converse.....	Claude Munyan.
Thompson East.....	Arod Ormsbee.....	Miss Jennie Mills.
Warrenville	Z. B. Bicknell.....	Mrs. R. H. Wright.
Westford.....	Anson G. Barlow.....	Mrs. Jacob Walls.
Willimantic.....	F. Goss.....	Arthur N. Potter.
Willington.....	Rev. C. H. Brown.....	Miss Daisy Dimock.
" South.....	Wm. H. Brackett.....	Hester Hall.
Woodstock, West.....	Byron W. Bates.....	Andrew Clark.
" South.....	Arthur Williams.....	Arthur O. Williams.

Fairfield Association.

Bridgeport, First.....	Louis S. Morris.....	Burpee Shaw.
" German..	John Reif.....	Chas. Wolf, Jr.
" Immanuel	Hartley Williams.....	Lillian Lucky.
" Messiah..	B. R. Chandler.....	Ross H. Ferra.
" Swedish..	P. Svenson.....	A. H. Nelson.
" E.Wash..	Frank G. Finney.....	Anna Louise Manson.
Danbury Second.....	F. D. Stanley.....	Irving Andrews.
Easton.....	John L. Tyler.....	Mary F. Lyon.
New Canaan.....	J. A. Weed.....	Miss Katie Henry.
New Milford.....	W. C. Hine.....	Chester Lyon.
Norwalk First.....	Demy Hull.....	C. C. Brotherton.
" Calvary.....	Johnson W. Hill.....	Miss C. L. Graham.
Rowayton.....	J. H. Sherer.....	S. D. Ferris.
South Norwalk.....	Fred Lyon.....	John Spendlove.
East Norwalk Branch..	Dr. H. C. Sherer.....	Alfred Hopkins.
Stamford.....	E. M. Prior.....	H. G. Quinby.

" Union.....	J. C. Green.....	Marius Burrel.
Stepney.....	C. T. Nichols.....	N. Blanche Purdy.
Stratfield.....	H. W. Wilson.....	Julian B. Wilson.
Stratford.....	David Johnson.....	E. Williams.
White Hills.....	Rev. G. C. Sauer.....	Mrs. C. G. Surridge.

Hartford Association.

Bantam.....	.....	.....
Bloomfield....	E. C. Henn.....	E. C. Fowler.
Bristol.....	W. R. Strong.....	W. T. Smith.
Colebrook North.....	D. F. Beebe.....	S. E. Bunnell.
" South.....	J. R. Moore.....	Nellie Bass.
Cornwall East.....	R. F. Thompson.....	R. F. Thompson.
" Hollow.....	Miss G. M. Ocain.....	Mrs. S. N. Scoville.
Hartford Asylum.....	Charles Ed. Prior.....	Lyman Hathaway.
" First.....	E. B. Boynton.....	W. D. Johnson.
" Memorial....	H. H. Dickinson.....	Charles W. Evans.
" Olivet.....	Alexander Cameron....	Leila M. Smart.
" South.....	F. W. Parmelee.....	G. P. Malm.
" Union.....	.....	.....
" Shiloh.....	Sidney Basey.....	Mattie Jones.
New Britain First.....	L. S. Johnson.....	H. W. Eddy.
" German..	Christian Erb.....	Charles Bellman.
New Hartford.....	M. E. Jeaton.....	Mrs. Ada Sanford.
Plainville.....	C. H. Bronson.....	Miss Jennie Goodrich.
Rockville.....	Rev. A. P. Wedge.....	L. B. Henley.
South Windsor.....	C. G. Parmelee.....	Kate M. Parmlee.
Suffield First.....	James E. Wood.....	Mr. C. J. Stiles.
" Second.....	F. B. Hathaway.....	Bessie Y. Fuller.
Tariffville.....	Wm. H. Pease.....	Charles Bartlett.
Torrington.....	C. H. Parker.....	Clara Adams
West Hartford.....	A. B. Elmer.....	Edward Adams.
Wethersfield.....	Geo. Smith.....	Miss Bell Hubbert.
Winsted.....	Fred. W. Marsh.....	Anna E. Norton.

New Haven Association.

First Ansonia.....	B. F. Leach.....	H. G. Fosdick.
Macedonia.....	J. W. Lewis.....	G. W. Custin.
Branford.....	E. C. Johnson.....	James E. Rogers.
Chester.....	H. E. Williams.....	L. Osborne.

Clinton	E. R. Bacon.....	Wm. H. Kelsey.
Cromwell	Edward Johnson.....	C. K. Rainey.
Deep River.....	O. H. Glover.....	Nelson C. Mather.
Essex.....	L. P. Parker.....	C. G. Waterhouse.
Haddam	Mrs. E. C. Ventus.....	Miss L. Sheiler
Meriden First.....	F. T. Williams.....	L. H. Perkins.
" German.....	F. Moronn.....	A. Stocklurger, Jr.
" Main Street..	H. W. Kingsley.....	Frances J. Wood.
" Swedish.....	David Dabel.....	John A. Swanson.
Middletown.....	A. B. Ryan.....	G. L. Hayes.
Montowese.....	Arthur S. Barnes.....	Arthur S. Barnes.
New Haven Calvary..	Henry A. Taylor.....	A. J. Ward.
" First.....	Pierce N. Welch.....	George Gillette.
" German... ..	Wm. Schussler.....	Walter Eidemann.
" Grand Av. ..	Fred. B. Smith.....	J. M. Knight.
" Hope.....	Wm. C. Avery.....	E. W. Linton
" Howard Av. ..	H. J. Harris.....	Leverett H. Bram.
" Immanuel ..	Rev. A. C. Powell... ..	James A. Dudley.
" Olivet.....	J. Kallgren.....	Herman Berg.
" Swedish.. ..	R. W. Cowles.....	F. T. Wheeler.
Plantville	Mrs. E. B. Elmer.....	Edgar G. Weed.
Saybrook.....	Edgar N. Barnett.....	M. A. Rounds.
Shelton.....	Rev. J. C. Breaker.....	Vernon Laity.
Southington.....	C. H. Brown.....	F. Raymond Ives.
Wallingford	D. L. Smith.....	U. G. Dillore.
Waterbury	R. G. Snagg.....	Mrs. Wm. Bronneke.
" Second.....	Karl Weiss.....	Mary Schoek.
" German... ..	E. S. May.....	W. T. McKenzie.
Yalesville.....	C. M. Parken.....	Evans H. Pratt.

New London Association.

Bozrah	W. B. Browning.....	G. J. Ford.
Colchester	L. C. Brown.....	M. Fanny Clark.
Fitchville.....	C. H. Peckham.....	Mrs. Jennie Phillips.
Haddam	S. S. Carter.....	Ida D. Stark.
Lake's Pond.....	W. H. H. Chappell....	Mary A. Chappell.
Lebanon	N. C. Barker.....	Mrs. E. M. Blanchard.
Lyme East.....	Mrs. D. B. Richmand..	Florence Jefferson.
" North.....	Mrs. F. S. Fosdick.....	May Leonard.
" Old	Frank Howard.....	E. D. Caulkins.

Montville.....	M. V. B. Brainard.....	Mrs. W. I. Browning.
New London First.....	H. D. Stanton.....	A. W. Barrows.
" Hunting'n St.	Walter Slocum.....	Meda E. Cowles.
" Shiloh.....	W. H. Johnson.....	P. H. Hughes.
Niantic.....	J. W. Luce.....	Grace J. Beckwith.
Norwich Central.....	Lucius Brown.....	R. R. Wilcox.
" First.....	C. L. Stark.....	Mrs. Hattie Sargent.
" Mt. Calvary..	P. T. Young.....	Idella Scott.
" Third.....	A. B. Maine.....	Steven Peckham.
Salem.....	Anabel Pierson.....	Florence Rathbone.
Scott Hill.....	G. H. Morgan.....	E. W. Chappell.
Waterford First.....	C. H. Peabody.....	Park B. Smith.
" Second.	L. A. Comstock.....	Jennie Comstock.

Stonington Union Association.

Groton Center.....	G. W. Daboll.....	Henry B. Chapmah.
" First.....	Simeon Gallup.....	Clara C. Burnett.
" Heights	B. N. Bosworth.....	Miss M. H. Rodman.
Jewett City.....	F. S. Campbell.....	E. C. Wilcox.
Laurel Glen.....	Benj. Thompson.....	Mrs. N. T. Maine.
Lantern Hill.....	Hattie B. Maine.....	Julius E. Maine.
Mystic Union.....	W. H. Smith.....	E. B. Seanans.
Noank	Robert Palmer.....	C. Milton Chester.
N. Stonington First....	Elmer E. Coon.....	Sarah T. Palmer.
" Second..	H. F. York.....	H. B. Vincent.
" Third.	W. H. Hillard.....	T. W. Wheeler.
Packerville.....	Calvin York.....	Maria B. Tompkins.
Plainfield Union.....	E. B. Clark.....	H. A. Roberts.
Poquonnoc Bridge....	Cyrus Avery.....	Miss Minnie Worden.
Preston City.....	Thomas P. Norman....	Miss Fannie F. Fitch.
Quiambang.....	Jessie Wilcox.....	Cornelius Miner.
Sterling.....	Samuel P. Green.....	Albert Stanton.
Stonington First.....	Erastus D. Smith.....	W. J. H. Pollard.
" Third.....	B. F. Ross.....	M. E. Bunyon.
Voluntown.....	Rev. E. Dewhurst.....	Miss Julia C. Fish.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN ASHFORD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized...	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase/Decrease.										Present Condition.		Sunday Sch ^h		Value of Church Property free of debt.....	
				Gain.	Loss.	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Total Enroll'd.	Men	Women ..	Total Enrolled.		Average Attendance.
Andover.....	1826	Edwin Bennett,	Edgar D. White.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	9	23	8	2,290
Brooklyn.....	1828	Edwin Bennett,	88 Theodore D. Pond.	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	121	34	51	12	7,500
Danforth.....	1874	B. U. Hatfield,	90 K. A. Darby	14	6	3	1	1	4	8	2	0	0	1	205	8	295	181	12,000
Eastford.....	1794	T. P. Briggs,	94 A. T. Allen.	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	71	17	23	637	382	3,600
Manfield (P. O. Sp. Hill)	1809	Leonard Smith,	95 L. J. Storrs.	3	0	0	1	7	3	1	2	1	1	89	15	35	64	336	3,600
Putnam, First.....	1829	F. I. Batchelder,	95 W. W. Kennedy.	0	2	0	1	7	3	1	2	1	1	404	19	171	210	130	30,000
Putnam, Second.....	1829	F. I. Batchelder,	95 Stephen Ballard.	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	106	28	41	106	65	7,500
Thompson, Central.....	1846	S. A. Ives	96 Allen F. Bixby.	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	15	20	48	27	2,500
Thompson, East.....	1846	Samuel Thatcher,	94 Z. B. Bicknell.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	24	30	60	38	3,600
Warrenville.....	1884	George C. Chappell,	94 A. G. Barlow.	6	2	1	3	4	3	7	8	486	85	45	14	19	34	24	2,000
Westford.....	1828	J. Bunyan Lennou,	91 W. N. Porter.	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	91	16	41	16	44	29	25,000	
Williamsville.....	1828	Charles H. Brown,	90 LeGrand Johnson.	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	91	16	41	16	44	29	3,500	
Wilmington.....	1828	Charles H. Brown,	91 Jude P. Guge	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	56	11	51	11	51	41	8,500	
Woodstock, First.....	1734	George L. Putnam,	91 Arthur Williams.	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	56	11	51	11	51	41	8,500	
Woodstock, Second.....	1734	George L. Putnam,	91 Arthur Williams.	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	56	11	51	11	51	41	8,500	
South Willington S. S.																50	32		
Totals.....		Churches.....15	Pastors.....15	113	17	8	20	7	530	18	18	1846	368	712	1,347	744	55	818,350	
Reported last year.....		Churches.....18	Pastors.....18	128	28	13	9	37	41	3	45	45	2120	465	913	1,594	825	58,121,460	

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* Estimated.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.....	Pastors, and Date of Settlement	Clerks.	Increase, Decrease,			Loss Gain	Present Condition.	Sunday Sch's			Value of Church Property free of debt.....				
				Baptism	Letter	Experience			Restoration	Erasure	Exclusion		Death	Total Enrol'd.	Men.....	Women...
Stratfield.....	1751 W. H. Wilson.	'93 Isaac B. Wilson.		1	1						80	41	8	0,000		
Stamford.....	1773 Charles L. Rhoades.	'92 E. S. Waterbury.		21	13	1	13	9	7	5	443	178	387	148	600	
Second Danbury.....	1790 A. C. Hubbard.	'68 M. L. Barber.		5	4		7	4	2	1	590	225	500	178,000		
New Milford.....	1814 Charles L. Ramsey.	'96 S. Couch.		3	2	1	3	1	1	3	101	27	101	27	9,000	
Easton.....	1831 W. M. Weeks.	'94 Ebenezer S. Gillette.		1	1						96	19	47	19	4,200	
First Norwalk.....	1837 F. E. Robbins.	'91 David Miller.		3	3		9	19	10	32	319	90	217	90	15,000	
First Bridgeport.....	1837 G. W. Nicholson.	'94 James A. Wilson.		25	36	3	8	1	2	6	469	188	398	188	12	92,500
White Hills.....	1838 F. B. Sauer.	'95 George W. Drew.		2	2		1	1	1		32	38	65	38	2,000	
Steeple.....	1848 F. B. Branan.	'90 Burr Hawley.		7	9	5	1	2	1	21	268	140	4	3	200	
South Norwalk.....	1850 R. O. Sherwood.	'96 E. H. Provitt.		16	7		1	2	1	21	82	62	24	4	3,500	
Rowayton.....	1859 S. Hands.	'96 E. H. Every.		3	1						56	197	115	5	18,000	
New Canaan.....	1873 W. F. Wakefield.	(supply) John A. Wood.		7	3		1	1	1	4	30	218	50	40	6,000	
E. Wash. Ave. Baptist.....	1874 George D. Reed.	'96 L. Franklin Cox.		24	23	3	4	5	10	2	216	44	26	4	1,500	
First Swedish Baptist.....	1882 W. Johnson.	'94 C. H. Chelander.		7	2		3	2	1		40	65	40	10,000		
First, Stratford.....	1882 W. Taylor.	'94 Edward Williams.		2	3		1	1	1		88	38	42	88	12,000	
Messiah, Bridgeport.....	1888 W. N. Morton.	'88 B. R. Chandler.		2	3		1	1	1		38	32	86	6,400		
German, Bridgeport.....	1888 Henri Gehn.	'95 John Reif.		2	3		1	1	1		98	66	40	5	1,000	
Immanuel, Bridgeport.....	1889 H. A. Chapman.	'94 C. E. Williams.		2	2		3	3	3	7	68	132	82	2,600		
Immanuel, Stamford.....	1888 William O. Harris.	'95 William Stokes.		2	2		3	3	5	11	39	60	40	2	1,000	
Calvary, Norwalk.....	1890 Johnson W. Hill.	'95 G. D. Lloyd.		2	3	5		10			50	40	2	5	1,000	
Totals.....		Churches.....21	Pastors.....20	130	116	17	73	70	18	58	3,324	2,485	1,355	73	498,950	
Last Year.....		Churches.....21	Pastors.....18	145	94	22	18	77	33	24	48	93	3	204		

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for all Purposes.....			
	Church.....	School.....	State Missions....	Home Missions...	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Missions.....	Woman's Foreign Missions.....	Young People's Benevolence....	Bible and Publication Society....	Ministerial Education.....	Ministers' & Widows' Fund and Home.....	Support of Church Poor.....	Other Objects.....	Sunday School Benevolence....	Tot'l Benevolence.	
Stratfield.....	\$ 800 00	\$.....	\$ 15 77	\$ 8 40	\$ 14 17	\$ 36 16	\$ 25 21	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 13 00	\$ 13 00	\$.....	\$ 73 72	\$ 102 71	\$ 904 71
Stamford.....	4,411 08	261 80	84 47	182 86	85 00	247 70	60 51	10 00	10 00	12 00	321 50	321 50	76 49	1,802 35	6,735 32	6,735 32
Danbury, 2nd.....	6,500 00	.....	33 80	41 00	25 00	28 00	.....	5 00	5 00	10 00	22 58	22 58	.....	270 08	6,710 08	6,710 08
1st.....	746 46	52 55	13 00	12 50	17 70	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	.....	881 80	881 80
New Milford.....	675 00	14 78	5 00	7 00	12 50	13 50	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 40	1 04	50 44	713 22
Easton.....	2,298 93	13 45	6 00	5 00	13 50	13 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 61	.....	323 52	2,622 45
Norwalk, Ist.....	8,251 00	220 16	12 00	157 65	193 35	101 00	80 39	.....	46 85	85 35	253 28	276 44	77 08	.....	1,443 49	9,899 55
Bridgeport, Ist.....	11 00	3 50	3 50	9 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	608 00
White Hills.....	703 50	11 00	.....	9 60	.....	25 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 60	737 10
Stepney.....	3,651 80	243 50	62 30	60 60	59 50	60 65	20 00	14 14	.....	.....	70 69	69 18	.....	33 50	417 39	4,312 16
Roxbury.....	811 01	110 46	6 50	11 00	25 50	2 50	.....	.....	3 72	41 70	.....	39 03	221 82	14 07	519 04	478 67
New Canaan.....	393 87	49 89	.....	45 07	56 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 40	.....	.....	112 70	2,819 64
E. Wash. Ave.....	2,148 00	152 00	45 11	46 07	56 93	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	2,915 50
First Swedish.....	1,051 84	86 33	5 00	6 00	12 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 00	881 00
Stamford, Ist.....	292 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 00	180 00
Bdget Messiah.....	776 00	50 00	10 00	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	983 83
German.....	182 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 45	983 83
Immanuel.....	826 48	48 90	9 00	4 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	946 00
Union-St'mf'd.....	345 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	346 00
CITY-N.Y.C.....	671 00	15 00	.....	1 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 00	745 00
Totals.....	\$ 36,217 57	\$ 1,317 30	\$ 291 56	\$ 498 77	\$ 620 39	\$ 857 96	\$ 960 20	\$ 110 72	\$ 31 16	\$ 150 35	\$ 97 85	\$ 805 89	\$ 1,376 75	\$ 220 67	\$ 18,856 640	\$ 43,625 95
Last year....\$	549 70	\$ 1,593 38	\$ 406 43	\$ 336 80	\$ 552 80	\$ 8018 29	\$ 8961 77	\$ 3245 72	\$ 53 04	\$ 89 58	\$ 185 10	\$ 1,220 42	\$ 805 19	\$ 836 48	\$ 348 83	\$ 62,401 01

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STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN H. M. ASSOCIATION.	Organized..	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.					Loss Gain.....	Present Condition. Total En'd	Sunday Sch'l- Tl'en-rolled		Val. Church Prop Free of Debt...
				Increase, Letter..	Restora. Exper.	Decrease, Exclus. Letter..	Death. Letter..			Aver Att'nd	Added	
Bantam.....		1870 S. J. Smith.	'96 Edgar F. Wedge.	1	2	3	11	1	50	50	25	\$ 42,500
Bloomfield.....		1870 T. G. Wright, S. S.	'92 F. W. G.	2	3	3	11	1	50	50	25	\$ 42,500
Bristol.....		1791 John S. Lyon.	'94 Roswell Atkins.	10	2	6	3	2	248	245	141	\$ 98,000
Colebrook, North.....		1794 D. F. Beebe, S. S.	Orrin W. Oles.	5	1	1	1	1	15	5	16	\$ 3,000
Cornewall, East.....		1848 G. W. Remington.	'87 John A. Moore.	5	1	1	1	1	61	17	33	\$ 2,000
" "		1787 S. J. Smith.	'96 H. G. Dean.	4	1	1	1	4	49	19	16	\$ 1,000
" "		1848 S. J. Smith.	'96 Miss L. M. Ocala.	5	19	1	3	1	32	3	33	\$ 1,000
Hartford, Asylum Ave.....		1872 Geo. M. Stone, D. D.,	'96 C. P. Gladding.	12	1	9	8	1	629	92	168	\$ 146,844
" "		1790 Harold Pattison.	'88 A. B. Dole.	9	12	17	1	3	297	209	418	\$ 513,394
" "		1866 A. W. Thompson.	'88 A. B. Turner.	35	4	17	1	43	134	142	212	\$ 151,12
" "		1890 G. W. Tyler.	'91 E. R. H.	9	3	1	1	13	134	137	118	\$ 1,000
" "		1834 Frank Dixon.	'93 H. H. Phiney.	3	6	2	10	18	564	177	290	\$ 77,500
" "		1868 Nils Ek.	'93 Oscar Johnson.	6	5	2	3	1	63	24	36	\$ 1,000
" "		1878 G. L. Stith.	'94 J. R. Thompson.	12	7	15	2	3	178	53	71	\$ 2,500
New Britain, First.....		1861 L. F. Stidham, Ph. D.,	'85 W. F. Walker.	28	2	1	15	2	481	128	257	\$ 2,500
" "		1893 O. F. Pistor.	'91 A. F. Elchstaedt.	7	3	2	1	3	107	41	59	\$ 88
New Hartford.....		1832 John P. Fossell.	'91 Edward Peterson.	2	1	3	2	5	85	23	145	\$ 41,200
Plainville.....		1838 C. N. Nichols.	'96 James E. Stanley.	1	2	4	3	1	50	15	23	\$ 53,35
Rainbow.....		1875	'91 H. Conall.	1	1	1	1	1	18	34	54	\$ 1,000
Rockville.....		1882 A. P. Wedge.	'95 George M. Smith.	11	9	4	6	1	105	40	135	\$ 86
" "		1821 L. B. Curtis.	'95 Levi Leonard.	11	9	4	6	1	105	40	135	\$ 86
Suffield, First.....		1799 Harvey Libsley.	'95 Henry Holman.	7	1	4	4	1	87	13	23	\$ 59
" "		1895 G. F. Genuing, D.D.	'90 T. E. Hastings.	20	4	1	1	6	447	119	424	\$ 191,96
Tariffville.....		1893	'90 M. H. Smith.	2	28	2	1	3	59	12	24	\$ 50
Warrington, Calvary.....		1860 P. S. Evans, Act. Pastor	Mrs. Mary S. Parker.	5	3	1	31	1	31	14	18	\$ 76
West Hartford.....		1850	'94 A. B. Elmer.	1	7	1	1	7	44	15	20	\$ 39
Westfield.....		1850	'94 A. B. Elmer.	1	7	1	1	7	44	15	20	\$ 39
Winsted.....		1890 A. W. Clark.	'90 C. G. Hagar.	16	10	4	8	1	105	50	96	\$ 222
Totals, Churches, 30.....		Pastors.....23		100	160	20	817	37	4,570	1,383	2,187	\$ 2,904
Last Year, Churches, 28.....		Pastors.....20		175	89	56	817	37	4,570	1,383	2,187	\$ 2,904

* Including Parsonage.

+ Estimates.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN HARTFORD ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.												Money Raised for All Purposes	
	Church	School.....	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Woman's Home Miss.	Woman's Foreign Miss	Youth' Miss. Societies.	Bible Publica'n Soc'y.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Wid. F'nd and Home	Support of Ch'h Poor.	Other Ob-jects...	S. Sch'l Benevolence.	Total Benevolence	
Banana, Bloomfield.....	\$ 295 00	19 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 15 50	\$ 18 00	\$ 14 50	\$ 63 00	\$ 48 25	\$ 5 25	\$ 20 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 182 00	\$ 4 35	\$ 5 00	
Bristol.....	3 155 00	209 25	111 15	100 68	37 50	37 50								86 27	320 00	
Colebrook, N'h.....	31 50													579 58	848 25	
Colebrook, S'h.....	225 00	14 53	4 38	3 75										15 13	237 73	
Cornwall, East.....	7 90	4 75												8 26	260 73	
Hollow.....	88 75	7 90												8 75	100 40	
Hd'd Ass'n in Hartford, Ist.....	6 430 80	155 98	157 11	290 00	109 00	51 55	50 00	4 00	1 00	30 00	3 00	47 00	27 00	55 00	940 73	
Hd'd Ass'n in Hartford, 2d.....	6 380 00	431 63	102 00	113 00	296 00	87 00	120 00	132 00	140 00	90 00	10 00	46 00	750 00	179 50	8 275 50	
Memorial.....	2 331 00	110 37	49 00	10 00	37 25	28 80	15 00	8 54	30 00	15 00	8 54	30 00	197 25	8 30	338 23	
Olivet.....	113 85	5 64	9 10	13 70	5 00	1 10	20 95	3 00	2 50	3 04		4 94	2 22	6 62	77 91	
St. John.....	800 00	25 00	140 00	103 00	23 30	18 20						21 00	31 00	93 50	918 50	
St. Paul.....	257 15	140 00	103 00	139 41	74 19	76 19	85 30	103 12	140 00	182 63	817 75	10 00		1 871 33	1 915 74	
St. Union.....	1 527 00	21 00	18 55	12 95					2 00			67 75		122 52	1 649 22	
St. Wm. N. Britain, Ist.....	3 750 00	157 11	151 90	50 00	98 00	61 68	70 60	13 18				84 00		588 11	4 530 71	
St. Wm. N. Britain, 2d.....	615 00	63 89	6 05	26 65	28 30				21 40	7 80		23 00	43 10	24 00	820 13	
Sweden.....	1 241 86	11 93						4 66						167 58	1 400 43	
New Hartford.....	3 312 80	40 00	10 00	3 00	2 00	10 00	25 00		4 66					56 16	408 96	
Plainville.....	640 00	76 68	21 11	14 00	20 00	10 00	25 00	7 50						108 59	827 27	
Rainbow.....	1 225 00	96 00	20 00	11 00	14 00	5 00	15 00	7 00				45 00	10 92	122 00	1 445 00	
Rockville.....	816 80	20 00		20 00	20 35	14 00	18 00	5 12	9 64					87 01	925 87	
St. Wm. Windsor.....	700 00	35 00		48 50	84 00	20 16	32 00	14 40				6 00		240 00	941 50	
Somford, Ist.....	2 600 00	30 00		17 45	161 44	165 16	230 24	81 25				140 00		999 86	3 353 96	
Somford, 2d.....	2 600 00	30 00			1 00				2 00					3 00	7 00	
Torntonville.....	450 00	30 00		3 00	4 00									15 00	480 00	
Tornton Cal'ry.....	438 82	14 48	2 60	4 04	4 05	1 40						3 00		15 00	480 00	
Wethersfield.....	1 206 16	35 45	50 85	30 25		5 00	10 00					10 00		103 85	1 369 40	
Winsted.....	1 551 83	81 04	20 25	6 34	35 70	19 00	8 00	6 45	4 87	4 87	3 16	14 74	20 75	180 41	1 780 38	
Totals.....	\$98,896 79	\$1,952 41	\$970 80	\$965 83	\$1,329 02	\$693 98	7,18 97	\$499 31	189 32	\$933 47	\$97 51	\$1,044 31	\$2,216 20	\$48 27	\$ 9,554 40	
Next Year.....	\$46,904 38	\$2,289 25	\$739 96	\$780 23	\$1,167 02	\$502 49	\$514 99	\$458 94	\$130 35	\$720 50	\$73 54	\$1,123 01	\$1,504 35	\$44 27	\$ 8,026 93	

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	When Org ⁿ ized	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.		Decrease.		Loss. Gain.	Present Condition.		Sunday Sch ^l	Value of Church Property Free of Debt				
				Baptism . .	Restoration. Experience. Letter.	Exclusion. Letter.	Death		Total Enrolled	Average At- tendance.			Ad. to Ch ^{ch}			
									Res. W ^{ts}	Men.	Wom.					
Ansonia, First.....	1873	Wm. D. McKinney,	'84 W. H. Fielding.	45	6	1	6	4	391	138	196	386	243	3	\$ 23,000	
Ansonia, Macedonia	1880	Edward Johnson,	'90 G. W. Austin.	11	4	2	1	6	119	48	71	134	60	3	3,845	
Branford	1888	P. G. Wightman,	'87 Jas. H. Fowler.	2	3	1	2	2	159	56	67	137	56	1	1,800	
Cheshire	1882	Harvey M. Ives,	'96 H. Edgar Williams.	3	5	1	2	8	174	51	84	156	73	4	43,150	
Clinton	1797	R. H. Sherman,	'93 A. H. Stevens.	3	3	1	2	3	130	50	80	81	98	4	76,500	
Cromwell	1862	J. B. Connell,	'93 A. Boardman.	6	1	1	3	4	107	21	35	97	67	1	47,500	
Deep River	1890	George H. Gardner,	'96 Virgil D. Norton.	13	3	3	5	4	111	72	134	140	78	5	412,750	
Essex	1811	W. P. Chipman, D.,	'92 E. C. Williams.	14	5	1	12	5	229	63	140	78	5	5	49,500	
Haddam	1824	O. C. Herbert,	'93 F. H. Gibson.	1	6	15	5	13	524	178	248	647	387	5	420,000	
Meriden, First	1820	John B. G. Pettell,	'95 John Gunther.	9	7	2	214	5	302	108	175	300	175	3	346,500	
Meriden, Second	1873	Emil Berger,	'91 R. M. Breckenridge.	3	4	1	5	15	90	32	55	49	4	1	47,100	
Meriden, Main Street	1861	Edwin W. Husted,	'93 Erik Johnson.	11	4	1	5	10	495	105	175	300	165	4	47,800	
Middletown	1887	T. Clatford,	'96 Gilbert L. Hayes.	4	6	2	16	6	134	40	90	234	151	4	15,000	
Montrose	1811	A. H. Simons,	'87 J. L. Larkins.	70	21	1	40	3	836	350	450	553	340	3	90	
New Haven, Calvary	1871	Edwin M. Poreat, D.D.,	'88 Leslie Monthrop.	25	12	1	5	13	108	24	30	326	225	17	17	
New Haven, First	1816	W. C. Meyer,	'88 J. F. Ingold.	36	2	3	13	3	171	15	20	106	90	3	17,500	
New Haven, German	1869	F. C. Sage, Ph. D.,	'93 Richard Green.	29	12	1	4	9	198	137	194	266	225	17	17	
New Haven, Hope	1871	Joseph M. Elmer,	'93 William M. Grier.	15	6	1	1	2	142	102	207	379	210	4	49,800	
New Haven, Hope Ave.	1890	John E. Nichols,	'94 William H. Miner.	8	6	1	2	1	134	40	90	234	151	4	15,000	
New Haven, Immanuel	1848	A. C. Payell,	'93 Geo. Saulsbury.	23	214	3	1	3	228	90	148	113	178	10	3	
New Haven, Olivet	1884	Alvin K. Foster,	'95 C. L. Kling.	37	11	8	3	38	113	43	70	187	113	8	1,600	
New Haven, Swale	1882	Frank J. Lillegren,	'95 A. A. Landin.	4	3	2	5	3	156	16	31	60	40	8	17,000	
Painville	1874	Thomas C. Hanna,	'95 J. Bond.	14	3	1	5	3	116	25	63	110	61	3	3,500	
Saybrook	1741	E. B. Elmer.	'96 G. K. Hull.	3	8	1	11	1	46	4	15	35	16	1	47,200	
Shelton	1882	Frank D. Luddington,	'94 Robert S. Norton.	1	3	12	2	1	3	95	29	49	86	45	12,550	
Southington	1738	J. C. Breaker,	'90 Charles A. Cadwell.	9	5	1	6	1	169	45	87	163	119	1	42,500	
Wallingford	1817	E. E. Marble,	'88 Howard James.	20	31	1	2	33	352	108	169	232	125	18	48,000	
Waterbury, First	1821	R. E. Nichols,	'92 Fred C. Lowrey.	25	17	3	6	6	430	181	368	535	321	47	47,000	
Waterbury, Second	1829	R. E. Nichols,	'92 Fred C. Lowrey.	8	16	1	25	1	91	31	53	140	103	4	4,100	
Waterbury, Third	1834	W. A. Schoen,	'93 Karl Weiss.	3	7	1	1	2	29	10	19	48	45	2	1,800	
Yaleville	1876	E. R. Perkins,	'95 W. A. Kendrick.	2	2	1	1	1	88	31	37	110	54	2	2,900	
33 churches.	32 pastors.	Totals	Totals	415	126	50	8	90	75	43	233	989	653	891	296	\$ 550,705
		Totals last year	Totals last year	304	200	35	6	24	308	215	333	538	445	308	19	\$ 555,705

* Including Parsonage.

* Including Missions.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW HAVEN ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										MONEY RAISED FOR ALL PUR- POSES.....			
	Church	School	State Missions	Home Mis- sions.....	Foreign Mis- sions.....	Woman's Home Missions.	Woman's Foreign Missions.	Young Peo- ple's Benevo- lence.	Bible and Publication Society..	Ministerial Edu- cation.....	Ministers' & Widows' Fund & Home	Support of Church Poor.....	Other Ob- jects.....	Sunday School Be- nevolence	Total Benevo- lence.....	
Ansonia, First..	\$ 2,100 00	\$ 258 82	\$ 51 00	\$ 22 00	\$ 81 30	\$ 38 00	\$ 77 62	\$ 17 00		\$ 8 50	\$ 54 30	\$ 5 00	\$ 25 65		\$302 00	\$ 2,601 49
Macedonia	.....	38 82	41 50	26 75	36 00	14 25	17 00	5 00		5 00	9 00		23 08	46 91	34 00	1,127 37
Branford.....	.....	121 37	41 50	26 75	36 00	11 00	20 00	5 00						17 45	106 83	1,220 10
Chester.....	.....	20 86	10 50	11 50	14 00	16 12	23 16	37 00					64 50	29 15	154 95	1,042 43
Cromwell.....	.....	26 88	8 00	14 00	20 50	30 00	33 00			9 95		435 30		8 00	103 50	1,351 51
Crownwell.....	.....	118 32	82 30	63 00	60 03	51 50	33 00		40 75	21 80		46 85		26 49	762 23	2,400 55
Essex.....	.....	65 35	75 00	38 32	65 35	6 00	36 14	60 00						105 97	2,400 55	2,400 55
Haddam.....	.....	10 00													1,853 16	1,853 16
Meriden, First..	4,378 94	427 72	191 40	132 70	225 15	228 15	290 38	79 41	108 69	138 73		300 00	343 47	*190 63	*2,300 70	7,013 45
Meriden, N. H.	11,096 92	320 48	45 30	35 00	20 00	71 65	91 68	77 00	20 00	17 50		43 81	301 15	61 98	785 07	4,915 42
Meriden, N. H. Swe.	2,307 55	282 48	30 00	30 00	30 00				3 44	4 89	5 61	72 10	70 00		261 69	802 33
Middleton.....	12,215 00	135 48	24 93	9 61	4 11	49 60	35 00	70 00						53 40	343 79	2,684 37
Montrose.....	42,653 00	47 35	10 75	10 75	11 00	21 75	13 00								119 90	2,850 35
N. H. Calvary.....	6,310 00	339 73	326 68	128 59	516 30	454 20	185 19			97 19	26 00	422 93	3,013 95	140 80	5,917 90	12,776 63
N. H. Haven, First	5,110 00	411 00	227 30	297 20	455 00	149 75	255 10			30 00		406 54	5,116 63	236 08	7,389 38	13,149 38
N. H. Haven, First	1,321 29	*167 83	20 00	35 20	15 00	37 75	37 75	15 00	14 50		5 00	28 21	245 56	13 18	406 30	13,393 88
N. H. Grand Av.	*12,812 71	155 87	17 70	54 17	20 48	246 00	24 00	33 30		20 00		65 00	103 05		587 85	15,991 25
N. Haven, Hope	1,900 33	103 17	42 50	14 08	58 00	13 62	23 33							26 25	59 63	1,727 02
N. H. Howard Av.	1,561 00	79 30	10 75												61 45	1,486 37
N. H. Olivet.....	1,372 73	95 00				20 00	10 00		13 25			65 05	104 00		237 90	1,510 63
N. Haven, Sweite	1,079 26									2 07		4 00			49 07	1,138 35
Plainville.....	4970 72		15 00	13 92	8 40	3 30	3 00	1 00	6 80		3 50		3 70		47 97	1,018 00
Saybrook.....		8 03		1 54	1 77	3 30			1 05	2 02			1 00		20 45	1,101 55
Shelton.....	4,068 22	63 85		3 50	52 60	63 75	57 37	64 25			16 30	3 75	6 20	90 00	505 28	2,730 17
Southington.....	11,797 44	141 45	14 15	24 01	100 50	130 84	77 04	29 04						83 65	649 05	7,381 46
Wallingford.....	16,505 00	1177 44	86 40	80 20	60 83	86 85	58 40			35 00	60 00	221 25	1,458 58	62 00	2,276 08	6,350 41
Waterbury, Ist.	3,777 77	286 50	275 00	60 67	46 83										950 85	950 85
Waterbury, 2d.	4,921 48	148 85													15 00	436 48
Waterbury, Ger.				10 00	5 00				2 00	2 61					1,253 18	1,253 18
Yaleville.....	11,078 10	81 26	34 12	21 00	20 00									15 00	9873	1,253 18
Totals.....	\$74,704 95	\$3,845 79	\$1,845 04	\$1,142 77	\$1,983 96	\$1,759 32	\$1,369 10	\$508 00	\$219 06	\$482 73	\$156 00	\$2,397 37	\$11,891 26	\$34 12	\$24,776 46	\$103,387 22
Totals last year.	\$73,357 17	3,801 88	1,550 26	2,233 07	2,715 42	1,937 61	1,391 43	716 80	196 77	602 52	313 64	1,925 37	14,173 17	1,780 80	29,305 98	106,555 03

*Including interest or repairs.
*Including new building.

*Including missions.

*Including interest or repairs.

+ Including new building.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	When Organized.....	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase, Decrease.		Loss.	Gain.	Present Condition.	Sunday Sch'l		Value of Church Property Free of Debt.....			
				Baptism.	Letter.				Total Enrolled....	Men.....		Women.....	Average Attendance	Added to Church....
Bozrah.....	1831	J. S. Craighton,	Supply Lewis Ford.....	1	1	1	51	60	94	\$ 2,500				
Chesterfield.....	1828	A. E. Harriman,	96 J. S. Case.....	1	1	1	53	60	94	2,500				
Colchester Borough.....	1828	A. E. Harriman,	96 J. S. Case.....	1	1	1	53	60	94	2,500				
Richville East.....	1828	R. E. Turner,	96 J. S. Case.....	1	1	1	53	60	94	2,500				
Richville West.....	1828	R. E. Turner,	96 J. S. Case.....	1	1	1	53	60	94	2,500				
Lake's Pond.....	1810	Janez Marshall,	94 J. E. Enmons.....	21	4	1	74	92	50	3,200				
Lebanon.....	1825	R. E. Turner,	94 J. E. Enmons.....	14	1	1	55	69	38	4,000				
Lyne, East.....	1825	R. E. Turner,	94 J. E. Enmons.....	14	1	1	55	69	38	4,000				
Lyne, West.....	1825	R. E. Turner,	94 J. E. Enmons.....	14	1	1	55	69	38	4,000				
North.....	1804	J. G. Ward,	94 J. E. Enmons.....	14	1	1	55	69	38	4,000				
Old.....	1804	J. G. Ward,	94 J. E. Enmons.....	14	1	1	55	69	38	4,000				
Montville Union.....	1842	S. G. Hastings,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
New London, First.....	1804	F. G. McKeever,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
New London, Second.....	1804	F. G. McKeever,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
New London, Third.....	1804	F. G. McKeever,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Niantic.....	1804	R. E. Stubbart,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Norwich Central.....	1804	R. E. Stubbart,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Norwich First.....	1804	R. E. Stubbart,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Norwich Second.....	1804	R. E. Stubbart,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Quaker Hill.....	1825	C. Chester Hyde,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Salem.....	1767	Chas. S. Ray,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Scott Hill.....	1780	C. H. Peckham,	96 Frank H. Rogers.....	1	1	1	101	94	80	5,000				
Waterford, First.....	1710	M. Wolf, Jr.,	96 J. A. Gallup.....	3	2	6	11	435	142	12,000				
Totals, Churches.....	23	Pastors.....	18	138	42	22	54	16	51	74	102,800			
Totals last year.....	23	Pastors.....	18	110	70	22	12	45	90	10	194,055			

FINANCIAL TABLES.

CHURCHES IN NEW LONDON ASSOCIATION.	HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for All Purposes.....			
	Church.....	School.....	State Missions.....	Home Missions....	Foreign Missions...	Woman's Home Missions.....	Woman's Foreign Missions.....	Youth's Mission- ary Society....	Bible and Publica- tion Society.....	Ministerial Educat'n	Ministers' and Wid- ows' Fund and Home.....	Support of Church Poor.....		Other Objects.....	S. School Benevo- lence.....	Total Benevolence..
Borah.....	\$ 282 00	\$ 11 14										\$ 13 75	\$ 2 00		\$ 28 25	\$ 294 14
Cheshire.....	877 05	43 10	\$ 5 00	\$2 00				2 00	\$ 3 50						\$ 38 25	951 40
Colchester Borough	600 00	64 00							5 00							740 00
Fitchville.....	660 00	50 00	10 00		10 00											38 10
Haddam, Cen'l East.	350 00															353 00
Lake's Pond.....	350 00															763 75
Lebanon.....	700 00	22 00			3 85	5 07		2 00								38 75
Lyme, East.....	925 00	32 43	15 00	4 00	4 00	\$ 29 00	\$ 28 61	32 50	4 00							2 82
" " " "	550 00	30 00	25 00	25 00	2 50	\$ 20 00	\$ 28 61	32 50	10 00							52 61
Montville Union.....	1,760 09	41 88			2 50	20 12	11 00	8 10								11 69
New London, First.	3,051 01	118 14			100 00	92 80	48 34	73 83	228 62	60 94	\$ 62 86	60 43	483 31	403 58	140 00	1,012 04
" " Huntington St.	2,200 00	183 39			100 00	18 75	41 00	39 46	55 89	79 51	12 50	20 00	46 54	106 65	30 00	1,772 08
" " Shiloh.....	428 78	30 00			6 39	2 13	17 91	14 74	26 00	1 06	4 36					1,163 04
Niantic.....	958 00	32 05	105 00	160 00	130 00	82 36	201 32	87 15	40 00	75 00			1 00	5 66	86 60	1,079 65
Norwich Central.....	6,890 72	136 20				10 00	58 65									2,073 58
" " First.....	2,149 00	31 00														198 38
" " Mt. Calvary.....	680 00	65 00														1,256 30
Quaker Hill.....	\$974 87	40 00	28 64	10 40	119 85	27 30	35 71	8 67	3 50							117 15
Salom.....	195 00	10 00														367 43
Scott Hill.....	220 00															22 00
Waterford, First.....	1,198 00	180 00														2,378 00
Totals.....	\$20,778 46	\$1 132 66	\$386 53	\$314 20	\$307 51	\$347 69	\$493 04	\$561 92	\$55 43	\$158 84	\$10 75	\$871 19	\$1443 60	\$877 79	\$ 5,730 17	\$23,697 81
Last Year.....	\$25,780 91	\$1,355 96	\$386 45	\$494 01	\$503 45	\$426 80	\$535 30	\$627 01	\$146 23	\$154 81	\$1 80	\$562 13	\$1228 62	\$935 73	\$ 5,400 80	\$32,067 97
*Southern Convention.																
*516 from Young People's Society.																

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*\$1.16 from Young People's Society.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Churches in Stonington Union Association.	When Organized.	Pastors and Date of Settlement.	Clerks.	Increase.		Decrease.		Loss.	Present Condition.		Sunday School.		Value of Church Property of Free Debt.					
				Baptism	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.		Erasure.	Exclusion.	Death.	Total Enroll.		Men.	Wom.	Average Attendance.	Total Enroll.	Added to Ch'rch
Groton, First.	1705	D. W. Phelps.	35 Simeon Gallup.	5	1	1	1	5	202	45	60	142	\$0,300					
Groton Heights.	1843	E. T. Miller.	30 J. Frank Edgemoor.	8	1	1	1	5	289	...	359	...	13,000					
Jewett City.	1840	J. W. Payne.	80 J. E. Phillips.	9	8	1	4	3	190	57	96	216	12,500					
Laurel Glen.	1894	...	...	5	...	...	...	8	32	...	40	...	500
Mactaquac.	1849	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	712	7	5	...	21,000
Marquette.	1849	...	...	88	6	3	1	71	573	...	...	...	10,000
Neak.	1843	...	...	172	14	17	2	6	195	...	...	...	2,500
North Stonington, First.	1741	H. L. Harrington.	48 Elmer E. Coon.	1	1	1	1	1	88	...	...	...	3,000		
North Stonington, Second.	1765	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	122	...	...	...	5,000
North Stonington, Third.	1828	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	146	30	48	12,000
Packerville.	1828	A. A. Robinson.	80 Charles E. Hopkins.	1	1	1	3	3	202	...	...	...	8,700		
Plainfield, Union.	1792	S. W. Delzell.	49 W. Tillinghast.	5	1	1	2	1	139	...	...	...	3,450		
Poquonnoc Bridge.	1850	N. T. Allen.	80 Daniel Morgan.	20	3	1	1	34	139	...	...	...	31,000		
Preston City.	1842	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37	...	...	...	1,500
Stonington, First.	1813	Gustav.	30 P. Green.	61	7	3	1	67	375	104	184	210	6,500					
Stonington, Second.	1846	Henry Clarke.	90 E. E. Ross.	...	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	
Stonington, Third.	1846	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	29	35	88	...
Vulnhout.	1882	E. Dewhurst.	58 G. P. Douglass.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTALS, Churches, 18		Pastors, 12.		380	43	20	4	50	43	306	...	2,398	\$149,350					
Last Year, 17		Pastors, 12.		110	88	6	1	38	5	75	30	2,395	\$148,850					

Including Quabamag.

Including Quimbang.

SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Ashford.	15 Pastors.	11	32	17	9	2	30	5	5	30	...	1,846	308	712	1,247	744	23	\$018,350
Fairfield.	30 "	19	120	16	17	7	73	70	18	50	58	8,384	940	1048	2,771	1,437	38	432,200
Hartford.	30 "	23	160	166	20	8	117	27	15	40	150	4,570	1852	2551	2,904	1,719	168	488,891
New Haven.	33 "	82	415	186	50	8	203	80	9	78	288	7,543	2331	3808	6,556	3,912	266	500,705
New London.	23 "	18	138	42	22	12	54	16	51	74	12	4,005	1474	2138	2,496	1,437	70	162,800
Stonington.	18 "	12	380	43	29	4	50	59	...	43	306	3,574	1092	1779	2,398	1,239	...	141,350
TOTALS.	138 Pastors.	115	1255	570	141	41	527	259	98	397	384	24,922	7197	12721	10,473	10,943	430	\$2,742,296
Last year.	140 "	114	925	308	154	65	505	278	80	321	397	24,386	7068	11455	10,972	10,912	504	\$1,488,660

* Estimated.

FINANCIAL TABLES.

HOME EXPENSES.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.										Money Raised for all Purposes....				
CHURCHES IN STONINGTON UNION ASSOCIATION.	Church.....	School.....	State Missions	Home Miss'ns	Foreign Miss'ns.....	Woman's Home Miss'ns	Woman's Foreign Miss.	Young People's Benevolence.....	Bible and Pub. Society.....	Ministerial Education..	Ministers and Wld's fund and Home..	Support of Church Poor	Other Objects	Sunday School Benevolence	Total Benevolence.....	
Groton, First.....	\$ 1,123 00		\$ 24 25	\$ 7 00	\$ 9 00	\$ 5 54	\$ 5 55	\$.....	\$135 00	\$ 1 25	\$ 1 25	\$ 9 80	\$ 26 48	\$ 207 14	\$ 298 02	\$ 1,421 02
Groton Heights.....	1,313 00		16 85	10 00	40 00	7 16	21 01		3 85		3 57	30 00	30 00	179 77	252 21	1,635 21
Jewett City.....	1,204 00		21 32	22 85	20 45	69 69	76 22	11 00			5 00	34 55	2 00	160 24	251 26	1,391 98
Ledyard.....	2,345 40			5 00	183 00	73 73	110 80	65 80		39 96		82 05	469 11	207 14	1,372 59	3,718 08
Mystic Union.....	2,245 40		51 24	50 70	153 00	73 73	110 80	65 80		30 00		589 59	480 88	1,122 47	2,592 47	5,292 47
N. Yank. & N. Y. 1st.....	1,470 00		5 00	55 00	50 00	6 00				5 00			17 16	33 16	797 16	797 16
N. Stonington, 2d.....	704 00															
N. Stonington, 3d.....	555 70		6 25	7 00	5 00	1 00	13 66	20 84						14 87	34 12	569 91
Packerville.....	*450 50		20 00	9 84	10 00	10 76	13 66	20 84	5 05					17 89	108 07	559 57
Plainfield, Un'n.....	988 00		4 04	19 15	18 75	16 75	54 27	16 50				32 00	25 00	35 41	201 87	1,249 87
Poquonoc B'ge.....	*401 00		10 00	2 00					6 60					39 03	56 83	937 83
Preston City.....	602 00		17 14	10 00	8 50	5 90	7 50							18 14	27 69	678 18
Starling.....	294 54		10 00	2 05		5 00	7 00	12 00				55 00	5 39	238 26	1,887 82	3,097 70
Stonington, 1st.....	239 68		100 00	102 48	138 00	114 84	68 50				2 00			9 00	547 88	547 88
Stonington, 3d.....	539 88															
Voluntown.....	607 00			6 65	7 65	10 70	5 00	24 80	3 50					44 68	108 98	785 98
TOTALS.....	\$ 15,029 55		\$ 292 00	\$ 316 08	\$ 490 44	\$ 325 88	\$ 383 91	\$ 150 94	\$154 00	\$ 116 21	\$ 12 88	\$ 253 40	\$1,400 48	\$1,649 63	\$3,616 71	\$ 20,051 29
Last Year.....	\$ 15,996 61		\$ 277 38	\$ 280 30	\$ 467 04	\$ 411 40	\$ 338 23	\$ 199 04	\$ 67 40	\$ 44 50	\$ 9 00	\$ 213 00	\$ 324 40	\$ 70 00	\$2,587 04	\$ 20,100 71

SUMMARY BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Ashford.....	\$ 11,935 50	\$ 549 95	\$ 200 62	\$ 194 60	\$ 181 98	\$ 272 32	\$ 385 54	\$ 301 37	\$291 07	\$ 54 24	\$ 10 35	\$ 214 57	\$ 207 79	\$ 123 71	\$2,179 97	\$ 14,137 35
Fairfield.....	36,217 57	1,317 30	281 56	498 77	620 39	377 96	623 90	110 72	31 16	150 35	97 850	845 89	1,576 75	297 18	5,040 43	47,357 20
Hartford.....	68,806 79	1,982 41	970 86	903 85	1,329 52	683 98	1,348 97	599 31	189 23	363 57	57 36	2,314 21	1,531 69	438 38	4,437 20	74,794 95
New Haven.....	74,704 95	3,845 79	1,845 61	1,112 77	1,963 96	1,739 32	1,598 06	592 92	155 42	158 84	210 75	971 19	1,443 60	277 73	4,087 22	80,887 22
New London.....	26,778 46	1,122 68	267 41	367 41	467 41	363 61	363 61	150 94	154 00	116 21	12 82	233 40	1,900 48	1,619 69	5,616 71	33,007 81
Stonington.....	15,029 55	.....	232 02	314 68	490 44	325 88	383 91	150 94	154 00	116 21	12 82	233 40	1,900 48	1,619 69	5,616 71	20,651 29
TOTALS.....	\$204,559 82	\$ 8,818 11	\$3,661 51	\$3,470 24	\$ 5,113 80	\$3,586 35	\$4,092 12	\$2,024 28	\$2,950 62	\$1,325 84	\$551 97	\$3,746 73	\$10,296 08	\$4,040 60	\$3,458 26	\$262,483 82
Last Year.....	\$229,461 78	\$11,068 13	\$3,616 65	\$4,610 18	\$ 5,694 24	\$4,199 28	\$3,901 47	\$2,198 88	\$2,930 28	\$1,668 42	\$2,890 28	\$3,526 47	\$18,690 65	\$3,294 04	\$34,306 97	\$294,836 38

* The expenses of the Schools are included in these benevolences.

+ Estimated

HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.

CHURCHES.	ADDED BY		REMOVED BY		HOME EXPENSES AND BENEVOLENCE.																				
	Total Membership	Pastors	Death.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Letter.	Restoration.	Experience.	Letter.	Baptisms.	Number of Churches.	Pastors.	Home Expenses.	Education Society....	State Convention.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions.....	Widows' Fund and Ministers' Home....	Woman's Home Mission Society.....	Woman's Foreign Mission Society.....	Bible and Publication Society.....	Other Objects.....	Total Benevolence....	Average per Member .	Totals for All Objects.
119	855,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	\$142,945.97	\$1,158,660	\$38,005,70	\$3,551,51	\$8,423,64	\$108,25														\$1,000,646.60
120	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
121	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
122	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
123	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
124	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
125	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
126	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
127	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
128	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
129	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
130	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
131	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
132	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
133	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
134	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
135	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
136	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
137	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
138	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
139	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
140	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
141	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
142	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
143	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
144	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
145	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
146	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
147	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
148	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
149	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
150	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
151	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
152	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
153	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
154	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
155	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
156	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
157	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
158	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
159	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
160	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
161	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
162	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
163	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
164	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
165	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
166	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
167	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
168	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
169	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
170	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
171	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
172	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
173	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
174	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
175	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,776	3,341.35	3,171.05	2,829.62	92.85														\$1,000,646.60
176	865,894	747,298	66,255	20,640	181	142,100.87	767,7																		

HISTORIC RECORD.

The Connecticut Baptist Convention, originally styled "The General Convention of the Baptist Churches of the State of Connecticut and Vicinity," was first organized at Hartford, in October, 1823. No annual sermon was provided for until the session of 1826.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	PREACHER.	TEXT.
1823	Hartford,	Asa Wilcox,	Augustus Bolles,		
1824	Middletown,	Asa Wilcox,	Albert Day,		
1825	Hartford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,		
1826	Wallingford,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Albert Day,	J. M. Peck,	
1827	Hartford,	Ashel Morse,	Albert Day,	Esek Brown,	
1828	Middletown,	Jonathan Goodwin,	Gurdon Robins,	B. M. Hill,	
1829	Hartford,	Rufus Babcock,	Gurdon Robins,	J. Cookson,	
1830	Mansfield,	Elisha Cushman,	Gurdon Robins,	P. Brockett,	
1831	Meriden,	Elisha Cushman,	Augustus Bolles,	G. Phippitt,	Rom. 12: 14.
1832	Middletown,	Elisha Cushman,	Albert Day,	G. Robins,	Isa. 60: 1.
1833	Lebanon,	Elisha Cushman,	J. H. Linsley,	L. Kneeland,	Psaln 133: 1.
1834	Hartford,	Elisha Cushman,	A. Stanwood,	N. Wildman,	2 Tim. 4: 5.
1835	Middletown,	J. H. Linsley,	S. S. Mallory,	R. H. Neale,	Isa. 53: 1.
1836	Norwich,	J. Cookson,	William Palmer,	S. H. Cone,	Luke 7: 38.
1837	Hartford,	J. Cookson,	R. Turnbull,	J. Cookson,	Isa. 61: 11.
1838	New London,	J. Cookson,	B. Cook,	B. Cook,	Jude 3.
1839	New Haven,	J. H. Linsley,	H. Wooster,	R. Turnbull,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1840	Essex,	George Reed,	William Reid,	F. Wightman,	Matt. 24: 14.
1841	Hartford,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	R. Babcock,	John 4: 35-38.
1842	Middletown,	D. Ives,	J. S. Eaton,	T. C. Teasdale,	
1843	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	J. Dowling,	Eph. 3: 10.
1844	New Haven,	A. Parker,	E. Savage,	D. Ives,	2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.
1845	New London,	J. S. Swan,	E. Savage,	A. Parker,	Num. 14: 21.
1846	Hartford,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	A. G. Palmer,	Isa. 62: 1.
1847	Deep River,	R. Turnbull,	E. Cushman,	J. S. Swan,	Num. 14: 8.
1848	Sufield,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	E. Cushman,	1 John 5: 19.
1849	Bristol,	H. Miller,	E. Cushman,	E. T. Hiscok,	Heb. 6: 10.
1850	Danbury,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Matt. 25: 40-45.
1851	Stonington,	E. T. Hiscok,	E. Cushman,	C. Willett,	Eph. 1: 3-6.
1852	New Haven,	J. S. Swan,	E. Cushman,	J. N. Murdock,	Luke 24: 24.
1853	Norwich,	William Reid,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	Isa. 60: 3.
1854	Hartford,	J. N. Murdock,	E. Cushman,	H. Miller,	Matt. 10: 34-36.
1855	Meriden,	L. Lewis,	E. Cushman,	J. L. Dodge,	Gal. 2: 20.
1856	Middletown,	W. S. Clapp,	W. Reid,	E. Cushman,	Phil. 2: 15.
1857	New London,	C. Willett,	E. Cushman,	A. D. Denison,	Acts 1: 8.
1858	Southington,	F. Denison,	E. Cushman,	J. A. Bailey,	Psaln 130: 4.
1859	Hartford,	S. D. Phelps,	E. Cushman,	W. Fitz,	2 Cor. 4: 7.
1860	New Haven,	P. G. Wightman,	E. Cushman,	J. P. Brown,	2 Cor. 4: 4.
1861	Norwich,	D. Ives,	E. Cushman,	D. H. Miller,	Isa. 42: 4.
1862	Stamford,	J. P. Brown,	E. Cushman,	D. Ives,	1 Cor. 3: 6.
1863	Willimantic,	C. S. Weaver,	E. Cushman,	C. B. Crane,	1 Cor. 1: 30.
1864	Essex,	George Lovis,	E. Cushman,	G. M. Stone,	John 21: 4-6.
1865	Danbury,	S. Graves,	E. Cushman,	S. D. Phelps,	1 Tim. 3: 15.
1866	Hartford,	J. A. Bailey,	E. Cushman,	I. H. Gilbert,	2 Cor. 9: 22.
1867	Mystic River,	C. B. Crane,	E. Cushman,	R. Turnbull,	Rev. 5: 10.
1868	New Haven,	A. C. Bronson,	E. Cushman,	E. Lathrop,	1 Peter 2: 5.
1869	Deep River,	R. J. Adams,	E. Cushman,	B. S. Morse,	Mark 1: 40-42.
1870	New Britain,	A. P. Buell,	J. A. Bailey,	H. G. Mason,	Ecc. 9: 4.
1871	Norwalk,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	G. L. Hunt,	1 Tim. 4: 1, 2.
1872	Waterbury,	James L. Howard,	J. A. Bailey,	A. G. Palmer,	Eph. 1: 18.
1873	New Haven,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. J. Sage,	1 Cor. 13: 3.
1874	Putnam,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	C. E. Smith,	Prov. 4: 23.
1875	Hartford,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	
1876	Sufield,	James L. Howard,	R. Turnbull,	A. C. Hubbard,	Zech. 4: 6.
1877	Norwich,	A. G. Palmer,	R. Turnbull,	F. F. Emerson,	Neh. 9: 6, 17.
1878	Meriden,	E. Lathrop,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. Davies,	Matt. 16: 3.
1879	Danbury,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	B. F. Bronson,	1 Cor. 11: 1.
1880	Bridgeport,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. M. Taylor,	1 Cor. 1: 21.
1881	New London,	A. J. Sage,	T. A. T. Hanna,	J. R. Stubbert,	Jonah 3: 3.
1882	Ansonia,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	G. H. Miner,	1 Cor. 1: 24.
1883	New Haven,	W. S. Bronson,	T. A. T. Hanna,	M. H. Pogson,	Acts 5: 20.
1884	Norwich,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	O. C. Sargent,	Luke 2: 32.
1885	Hartford,	W. S. Bronson,	Elizur Cook,	J. V. Garton,	Matt. 6: 10.
1886	Waterbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	G. W. Holman,	Matt. 25: 20.
1887	New Britain,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	D. W. Lockhart,	John 8: 37.
1888	Hartford,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	D. H. Taylor,	1 John 4: 16.
1889	Putnam,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	P. G. Wightman,	Isa. 54: 2.
1890	Middletown,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. R. Gow,	Matt. 9: 10-13.
1891	New Haven,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	W. G. Fennell,	Matt. 17: 20.
1892	Willimantic,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. S. James,	Hob. 6: 5.
1893	Danbury,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	H. M. Thompson,	Jonah 4: 10.
1894	Norwich,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. B. Lemon,	John 3: 2.
1895	Bridgeport,	Francis Wayland,	P. S. Evans,	J. D. Herr, D. D.,	Acts 10: 44.
1896	New London,	Wm. A. Grippin,	P. S. Evans,	J. H. Mason,	Rom. 13: 8.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE

Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American
Baptist Home Mission Society.

A year ago Directors and State officers in Connecticut entered upon the work with bright hopes. We have watched the progress of affairs during the previous months with much anxiety and toward the end with joy. We have gained wisdom, thought we knew, better than we once did, the road to success—to advancement in our woman's work. We said, for the coming year this we will do, and that plan we will recommend; but the Master, looking over the whole field, and knowing each individual worker, and what was best for the whole and what for the individual, has so directed effort and so arranged results, that to-day we feel like saying, "Do thou, O Master, direct this work and make me the instrument of Thy will."

In all the year's work I would bear testimony to the oneness of heart of all the Associational leaders with your representative. Did a particularly cheery letter with its accompanying account of successful effort come to a director, she has followed out the kind thought of her heart and sent the story to your vice-president, so that new courage has come with the assurance of sympathy and confidence. The work of our society would be impossible without the earnest, willing service of these leaders in each Association.

All of these offices have been well filled—though the new year beginning in April brought a few changes. Miss Emily A. Spencer succeeded Mrs. E. J. Gordon in the Hartford Association—assuring to this large and influential group of churches a continuance of efficient leadership. Mrs. Sarah F. Brown had a few months before taken up work in Stonington Union—and just now we welcome to the work in New London Association Mrs. Thomas A. Perkins of Norwich, who

succeeds Mrs. F. C. Palmer, who had served our Society for ten years.

We would acknowledge the goodness of God who has raised up for each vacancy workers approved of Himself and has directed us to them—so that we feel His guidance at each step of the way.

The new year opened up with unusual signs of encouragement and harmony. We were allowed to rejoice in a united Sisterhood. The prayers of many years we find bringing answers of peace. So that with fervent thanksgivings we welcomed in April six well organized circles not previously associated with us.]

At this time also Mrs. McKinney of Ansonia, consented to assume the care of the three southwestern Associations. Fairfield, New Haven and New London Associations are now in her care. With these accessions we should gain much strength in every department of our work.

The interests that holds us as a Society have been presented at each associational gathering during the year and special pleas have been well received.

The Mexico offering called last winter was a real inspiration, and the Vacation offering called in July has demonstrated that our women are alive to the needs of the work even in the heat of summer. We know that giving on the part of our Sisterhood is an evidence of prayerful interest; therefore, it is with pleasure we record the offerings from April 1st until September 1st just double those of last year. Let us keep up the proportion so that another year we shall not have to hear of schools closed, and those earnestly desiring light at our hands being turned back into their darkness, while we say we cannot give you the Bread of Life.

We in Connecticut are rich in the various gifts necessary for the progress of our work. At our annual meeting an interesting discussion on practical topics such as "designated funds," the "need of prayer" and the wisdom of continuing Children's Bands showed a thoughtful and intelligent desire for the best things and an ability to carry on with power missionary meetings within our own borders.

In Ashford Association, with its twelve country churches and widely scattered membership, much good is done. Two legacies have come to us in the past year, one from Willington and one from Thompson, aggregating \$288.69. This with the offering from Circles, Sunday-Schools and Bands make a total of \$623.91.

Fairfield Association reports ten contributing churches out of twenty-one, sending a total of \$327.12.

Hartford Association has eighteen out of twenty-eight churches that gave by Circles, Sunday-Schools and Young People, \$775.58.

New Haven Association under the leadership of Miss McWhinnie gave through its various departments \$585.71.

New London Association, following the lead of the Director, Mrs. F. C. Palmer gave \$483.68, and Stonington Union responded with a contribution amounting to \$356.12.

Total from the State, \$3,163.38.

Value of supplies, \$1,000.00.

Echoes taken, 1,002.

Looking back over the year and recognizing its changes, we welcome all those who have said, "we are glad to lend a hand," and remember with loving thought those of our workers who have heard the call, "come up higher," and who now from clearer heights see the promise of ultimate victory, and join with unalloyed delight in singing "Worthy is the Lamb who has redeemed us with His own precious blood."

For those of us who remain, we are ready to begin anew and strive to make this our best year; with more workers we hope to have new strength, and realizing the great and pressing demands of the cause we hope to show better results when we come up again in Convention

HELEN R. DEWHURST.

MRS. HELEN R. DEWHURST, Voluntown, Vice-President for South Eastern Connecticut.

MISS MARY L. HOWARD, 67 Collins St., Hartford, Junior Vice-President

Associations.

Directors.

Ashford,	MRS. ANNIE A. PRESTON, Willington.
Junior,	MRS. FAYETTE GOSS, Willimantic.
Stonington Union,	MRS. SARAH F. BROWN, Jewett City.
Junior,	MISS MARIA B. HOPKINS, Plainfield.
New London,	MRS. THOMAS A. PERKINS, Norwich
Junior,	MRS. WM. W. BECKWITH, Norwich.
Hartford,	MRS. E. A. SPENCER, Suffield
Junior,	MRS. GERSHOM SMITH, Hartford.
New Haven,	
Junior,	MISS E. INE BROWN, Wallingford.
Fairfield.	MRS. M. W. SILLIMAN, Norwalk
Junior,	MISS MAUD MORRIS, Bridgeport.

Report of Junior Department of the Connecticut Branch of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society from April 1st, 1896 to October 1st, 1896.

The past six months have proved themselves months of encouragement and therefore this report is given with a much lighter heart than was the report of last April. All of our Associations are officered with able Junior Directors who are doing faithful and conscientious work in their different departments.

The financial report is:

Amount given for all objects \$276.98, divided as follows:

For our general work, \$178.58.	
Alaska,	91.00.
Mexico,	7.40.

Our aim this year, as last, is to raise \$1,000 for the general work to be designated if desired towards the salaries of Miss Ellen C. Potter of New York City, the Superintendent of the Morning Star Mission for the Chinese, and Miss E. Owen, principal of our boarding school for the colored children at Allendale, S. C.

From this desired amount we are a long way at present, over \$800 still remaining to be raised, but the six months before us are the months of our greater activity, and if only our Young People will *all* join in doing what they can, the result will surely be attained.

With us it is only the "many" that can make the work "light" or even possible, and so in closing let me urge all Junior leaders to realize the responsibility laid upon them to teach their Juniors that Christ's command is theirs and to be loyal to Him we must help to send the Gospel unto the "uttermost parts of the earth."

A number of our societies have already sent barrels of second-hand clothing to our schools and it is earnestly hoped that many will this year send Christmas boxes to the children of our Missionary Schools.

MARY L. HOWARD,
Assistant State Vice-President for Connecticut.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of
Connecticut.

To-day we come to place another mile stone beside the path we have been making the past twenty-five years.

As we take a backward glance we may enquire, "What service have we rendered?"

The treasury has received through the hands of Connecticut women \$99,641.55.

Has this been a test of the interest we have had in the grand work.

Last year we contributed \$5,505.75. Of this amount \$218.97 was for Hasseltine House, leaving \$5,286.76 as our regular contribution.

This includes the \$740.35 raised as a Silver Offering to commemorate the Silver Anniversary of our Mother Society.

Our faithful Association Secretaries are all in their places. It is quite unnecessary for me to dwell on their earnest efforts. You realize what their service has been. Do you do all you can to aid them?

Miss Twiss of the New Haven Association has seen the longest term of service of any Secretary in the State. She began her work under Mrs. O. W. Gates, the first State Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. Hoyt of the Fairfield Association comes next in the number of years in service. But neither the number of years, the number of circles nor the money contributed can adequately express the amount of earnest toil which she has given to build up and increase "an interest" among the women of that Association.

Mrs. Lester of the New London Association presses on faithfully and successfully. Will not such faithful loving, obedient service always bring success.

In the Ashford Association Mrs. Kent finds the churches, which are nearly all small, doing nobly. Their hearts are large as shown by their offerings.

Mrs. Strong of the Hartford Association and Mrs. Lathan of the Stonington Union are both comparatively new in the service. But they know how to work, and the circles are feeling their influence.

All the usual meetings of Association and Conferences have been held during the year. Your Secretary has visited in every Association excepting Hartford. In reviewing the work, I am struck with the superiority of the small over the large churches, both in interest and offerings.

Our circles need to double their diligence. As we look forward into the next quarter century let us determine to work wisely and faithfully, that we may help to ring the golden bells when our Mother shall celebrate her Golden Anniversary.

MRS. ARCHIBALD WHEATON,

State Secretary.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

To a casual observer it might seem that the Juniors of Connecticut have been "progressing backward" during the past year in interest in, and endeavors for Foreign Missions. A year ago we reported a Junior Associational Secretary in each of our six Associations. To-day we have but three—Miss Mary White Evans faithfully and successfully leading the work in New Haven; Mrs. H. L. Avery beginning her work in New London with consecrated zeal; and Mrs. J. Chester Hyde who combines love for the work with experience, acting as Secretary in Stonington Union. We are glad for these true helpers and are looking for others to fill the vacant places.

But a glance at the Treasurer's Report shows that while one may plant and another water, the work is the Lord's. With one exception each of the Associations reports enlarged gifts. The single exception reports a decrease of less than one dollar while last year a large and special gift was included in the contributions.

We continue to support Miss Nayte at Nellore and Mrs. Mix at Nlone.

Our ideal has not yet been reached, a Junior contribution from each church in our State, but we are not a little nearer it to-day than we were a year ago.

CLARA F. McKEEVER,

Junior State Secretary of Connecticut for Foreign Mission.

OFFICERS.

MRS. ARCHIBALD WHEATON, Mystic, State Secretary.

MRS. F. G. McKEEVER, 14 Granite St., New London, Junior State Secretary.

Associational Secretary.

Ashford,	MRS. J. B. KENT, Putnam.
Junior,	
Fairfield,	MRS. J. B. HOYT, Stamford.
Junior,	
Hartford,	MRS. H. L. SRONG, 19 Vernon St., Hartford.
Junior,	
New Haven,	MISS F. L. TWISS, 1096 Broad St., Meriden.
Junior,	MISS MARY W. EVANS, 32 Trumbull St. N. H.
New London,	MRS. S. A. LESTER, 31 Jay St., New London.
Junior,	MRS. H. L. AVERY, Denison Ave. New London.
Stonington Union,	MRS. ELMER LATHAM, Mystic.
Act. Junior,	MRS. J. CHESTER HYDE, Quaker Hill.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Connecticut was held at New London, October 19 and 20.

Chas. Edward Prior led a half hour's praise service, opening with "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. G. F. Genung, D.D. read for the scripture lesson a portion of Eph. 6, and Rev. R. Maplesden led in prayer.

H. A. Edgcomb, the Secretary, gave a very encouraging report of progress of the work during the year. Especial mention was made of the successful meeting at Crescent Beach in the summer.

The Treasurer, Chas. Edward Prior, gave his report, showing that from all sources \$94.54 had been received, and \$52.14 expended.

President Lyon appointed as Nominating Committee E. B. Boynton, Rev. J. C. Hyde, Rev. C. H. Brown, Rev. F. E. Robbins, D. W. Bosworth and Rev. A. K. Foster.

Rev. H. M. Pogson made a brief plea in behalf of the Minister's Home.

President J. S. Lyon spoke of "Our Relation to One Another and to the Work."

It is an age of interdenominational fellowship for which we are glad, but we need to be very careful not to lose sight of the truths for which we stand. Others respect us for letting the outlines of our principles stand out clearly.

"The Kind of Training Needed for the Duties of the Hour," was the theme discussed by Rev. E. T. Miller. He said: "Training is needed for any kind of business, but especially in leading souls to Christ. We need a thorough knowledge of the fact that all are in themselves lost sinners, that we are saved, that Jesus is able and willing to save. And we ought to have a thorough knowledge of the Home and Foreign Mission work."

"The Kind of Service Demanded," was ably presented by Rev. C. L. Rhoades. The needs are ever recurring; sin is sin, humanity is humanity and God is God, Humanity stands balanced between the other two. Christ calls for personal individual service.

Rev. A. S. Gumbart, D.D. told of necessary elements in preparation for service. From the preparation of the Apostles he showed that we need the preparation of the Holy Spirit, to be spirit-filled men, to have a larger conception of Christ, a broader view of God's word, an overwhelming consciousness of our responsibility to bring the gospel to every unsaved soul, and a personal consecration.

Rev. H. M. Pogson pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday morning the meeting was opened with a service of prayer and praise.

Rev. Frank Dixon awakened great interest as he spoke of "The Progressive Church and its Young Workers." No man can settle the problems of life for another. One of the great problems is to utilize the forces of the young people of our churches. We need to do two things, solve the problem of our relation to Jesus Christ, and get a right conception of the mission of the church.

Rev. F. W. C. Meyer spoke of "New Applications of Old Principles." The faith once delivered to the saints is the seed to be planted. The sacrifice of Christ was wonderful, but we ought to realize that it is not complete in us until we are willing to lay down our life, if need be. The important thing is not what we do, but what God works through us; not what we give to God, but what God gives us.

Rev. A. S. Brown spoke very earnestly of "The Old Story repeated with Renewed Power." And that renewed power comes to the man who is filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Committee on Nomination presented the following names, and they were elected:

President—Rev. J. S. Lyon, Bristol.

First Vice-President—Rev. F. E. Robbins, Norwalk.

Second Vice-President—Rev. A. P. Wedge, Rockville.

Secretary—H. A. Edgecomb, Groton.

Treasurer—Chas. Edw. Prior, Hartford.

After singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds," Rev. F. E. Robbins, pronounced the benediction.

FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Conference of Baptist Ministers of Connecticut.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

NEW LONDON, OCT. 19, 1896.

While an unusually large number present the Conference was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by the President, Dr. Geo. M. Stow. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Breaker. The chair appointed a Committee on Nomination, consisting of Pastors Wheaton, Payne and Brown. By vote of the body the report was accepted and the following officers declared elected.

President—Rev. GEORGE M. STONE, D.D.

Secretary—Rev. EBEN C. SAGE, Ph. D.

DIRECTORS:

Ashford Association	Rev. J. B. LEMON.
Fairfield “	Rev. R. O. SHERWOOD.
Hartford “	Rev. H. M. THOMPSON.
New Haven “	Rev. F. W. C. MEYER.
New London “	Rev. J. G. WARD.
Ston'g'n Union “	Rev. A. WHEATON.

Trustees of the Ministers' Home.—G. M. STONE, C. L. RHOADES, G. W. NICHOLSON and J. AMSBURY.

The following were appointed as a Committee of Arrangement for the next meeting: Rev. J. H. Herr, Rev. C. N. Nichols and Rev. J. R. Stubbett. They presented the following report which was accepted. Essay, suggested theme, “The present Relation of the Church toward Science,” Rev. A. K. Foster; alternate, Rev. Harold Pattison. Second essay, suggested theme, “Our Duty toward the Unchurched Masses,” Rev. C. L. Rhoades; alternate Rev. Raymond Maplesdon.

After reading the “Minutes” of the last meeting the Secretary made a report of changes in the ministry of the State, and new members were introduced to the Conference.

CHANGES IN THE MINISTRY.

REMOVED FROM THE STATE.

- J. W. Ashworth, Putnam to Chicago Ill.
- A. S. Stowell, Montville to Berlin Mills, N. H.
- W. P. Squires, Niantic to Cedar Rapids, Mich.
- W. J. Waytes, Stonington.
- G. G. Savage, N. Stonington.
- H. W. Jones, Stepney to Chaplain, U. S. N.
- F. V. Atkinson, Rowayton to Crozier Theol. Sem.
- H. W. Pinkham, Bridgeport to Denver, Col.
- G. M. Evans, Chester to Brooklyn, N. Y.
- J. B. Robinson, Andover.

G. W. Hervey, Tariffville.
 J. H. Mason, New Haven.
 J. H. Meyers, Bridgeport.
 A. H. Simons, Montowese.
 W. P. Elsdon, Waterbury.
 T. S. Siegfried, Salem.
 J. S. Cranston, Preston City.

ENTERED INTO THE STATE.

Harvey M. Ives, Chester.
 George H. Gardner, Deep River.
 O. C. Herbert, Haddam.
 Raymond Maplesdon, Middletown.
 Henri Gelan, Bridgeport.
 S. Hands, Rowayton.
 C. N. Nichols, Hartford.
 Justus Aldrich, Sterling.
 L. G. Hastings, Montville.
 Joseph McKean, Niantic.
 W. F. Newton, Norwich.
 Byron U. Hatfield, Danielson.
 D. W. Phelps, Old Mystic.

CHANGES WITHIN THE STATE.

A. W. Smith, Shelton to Hartford.
 L. B. Curtis, Suffield to South Windsor,
 Harvey Linsley, South Windsor to Suffield.
 F. P. Braman, Plainville to Stepney.
 F. D. Luddington, Northville to Shelton.
 Geo. D. Reid, Deep River to Bridgeport.

ORDAINED OVER CHURCHES.

C. J. Ramsey, Northville.
 Harold Pattison, First Hartford.
 S. J. Smith, Bantam.

* DECEASED.

Edwin Beardsley, New Britain.
 J. F. Temple, Plainville.
 Wm. A. Smith, Groton Heights.
 J. M. Phillips, Andover.
 L. D. Phelps, D.D., New Haven.

* These Bretheren were all without charges.

The first essay was read by Rev. R. O. Sherwood, who took for his theme, "Spiritual Color-blindness." Upon motion the discussion was limited to thirty minutes, and was participated in by Pastors Wheaton, Rhoades, Briggs, Lemon, McKean, Meyer, Delzel, Lyon, Poteat and Stone.

"What ought to be the attitude of the Modern Pulpit towards Social Reform" was the subject of the second essay, which was read by Rev. Frank Dixon. Remarks were made by Pastors Genung, Briggs, Robbins, Sherwood, McKinney, Elsdon, Hon. H. A. Hull and Prof. Francis Wayland.

After prayer by Rev. Raymond Maplesdon the Conference adjourned.

GEORGE M. STONE, *President*.

EBEN C. SAGE, *Secretary*.

BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION OF CONNECTICUT

Organized in 1871.

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET.

HARTFORD, October 24, 1896.

The Annual Meeting of the Baptist Social Union of Connecticut was held in the parlor of the Crocker House, New London, on Wednesday, October 21, 1896, at 4 o'clock P. M.

President Carroll presiding.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were approved as printed. A brief report of the mid-winter meeting was also given and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was next presented as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at last report,	\$235 05
Dues from members and supper tickets,	244 50
	<hr/> \$ 479 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Atlantic Hotel, Bridgeport,	\$107 00
Sundry Expenses,	5 00
Postage and Stationery,	13 94
Printing,	15 75
Rev. W. H. P. Faunce, D.D.,	12 00
Balance in hand,	245 86
	<hr/> \$ 479 55

It was stated that the accounts had been audited by Brother Denison who had given certificate to their correctness and that above balance had been found on hand. Since the audit, the Treasurer received \$21.00 annual dues, making the balance \$266.86, from which the expenses of the New London banquet would be paid. The report was then accepted and ordered on record.

The names of Hon. H. A. Hull, William H. Douglas and F. H. Smith were proposed for membership. It was unanimously voted that they be elected as members of the union.

The election of officers being in order, the president appointed the following to act as a nominating committee, instructing them that he absolutely declined re-election: Rev. C. A. Piddock, R. P. Chapman and E. Larkin.

Upon due consideration the committee presented a list of names as nominees for officers as follows:

President.—Edward Miller, Meriden.

Vice-Presidents.—Hon. Geo. W. Hodge, Rainbow; C. O. Spencer, Hartford.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Fred'k W. Payne, Hartford.

Mr. Miller thanked the Union, but stated that he must have his own decision in the matter and declined the election.

The committee then submitted the following nominations for officers and directors:

President.—Hon. Geo. W. Hodge, Rainbow.

Vice-Presidents.—Edward Miller, Meriden, and C. O. Spencer, Hartford.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Fred'k W. Payne, Hartford.

Directors.—E. V. Preston, Hartford; Hon. James L. Howard, Hartford; Jabez Amsbury, Danbury; S. O. Preston, New Haven; Fred A. Betts, New Haven; James Newcomb, New London; A. J. Shipley, Waterbury; M. E. Morris, Bridgeport; A. J. Sloper, New Britain.

The report was accepted and the chairman of committee requested to cast the ballot for their election for the ensuing year, which was done.

A motion was made and seconded that J. L. Denison be appointed as auditor of the Union, and he was duly elected.

Attention was called to the death of one member of the Union—Capt. L. A. Gallup of Norwich. It was voted that Rev. C. A. Piddock be appointed a committee to prepare obituary notice to be printed in this report.

It was voted that the officers of the Union be requested to arrange for the usual mid-winter meeting.

Adjourned at 4:40 P. M.

SPECIAL.—The members of the Union will be pleased to learn that after payment of all bills there is a balance of about \$100.00 in the hands of the Treasurer.

ANNUAL BANQUET.

The Annual Banquet for members, their wives and invited guests, was given at the Crocker House and at the usual hour.

The company numbered 187, the excellent course dinner was served promptly and to the accompaniment of Seyfried's orchestra. At the request of President Carroll the "after-dinner festivities were under the skillful direction of Judge Wayland, who secured that rare result—destination on schedule time.

The time-honored welcome was happily given by Rev. F. G. McKeever, of New London. He was followed in bright and brief speeches by Hon. J. L. Howard, Hartford; Rev. H. B. Grose, D.D., of "The Watchman," Boston; Hon. H. A. Hull, Stonington.

The principal address, which was highly interesting and instructive one, was given by Rev. B. L. Whitman D.D., president the Columbian University, Washington, D. C., who, in the brief time at his disposal (twenty-five minutes), crowded a vast amount of valuable information on "Our Educational Opportunity," and in such a masterly manner as to command the careful attention of his audience.

This last assemblage of our State Convention closed promptly at 10 o'clock—to many, all to soon, but mingled with regret were many expressions of satisfaction with all the arrangements and the conclusion that the "Social Union" had taken a decided advance. From such higher plane may it not "backslide."

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K W. PAYNE, *Secretary.*

OBITUARY.

Whereas, God, our Father, has seen fit to take from earth to everlasting habitations our beloved brother,

Loren A. Gallup,

Therefore resolved, That we, the members of the Baptist Social Union of Connecticut, will cherish his memory and emulate his noble Christian character. We recall with pleasure his kind and courteous bearing and deep interest in the Kingdom of Christ.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of our brother, and also printed in our minutes.

C. A. PIDDOCK.

MEMBERSHIP.

October 21, 1896.

Jabez Amsbury,	Danbury.	M. M. Johnson,	Hartford.
J. R. Andrews,	New Britain.	J. B. Kent,	Putnam.
W. C. Augur,	Hartford.	E. Larkin,	New Haven.
J. G. Batterson,	Hartford.	C. E. Larkin,	New Haven.
A. G. Benedict,	Danbury.	Merrill Loomis,	New Haven.
Fred. A. Betts,	New Haven.	M. E. Morris,	Bridgeport.
F. R. Bliss,	New Haven.	J. W. Manning,	Putnam.
W. C. Bolles,	Hartford.	W. R. Morgan,	Hartford.
C. H. Brown,	Wallingford.	Stephen Maslen,	Hartford.
L. W. Carroll,	Norwich.	C. G. Munyan,	Hartford.
Geo. W. Carroll,	Norwich.	Edward Miller,	Meriden.
A. P. Carroll,	Norwich.	Geo. W. Mitchell,	Bristol.
A. H. Condell,	Plainville.	James Newcomb,	New London.
Silas Chapman, Jr.,	Hartford.	A. T. Otis,	Norwich.
A. H. Chapman,	Pawcatuck.	Fred'k W. Payne,	Hartford.
R. P. Chapman,	Hartford.	C. A. Piddock,	Hartford.
F. E. Corbin,	New Britain.	Wm. N. Potter,	Willimantic.
J. L. Denison,	Hartford.	S. O. Preston,	New Haven.
Wm. H. Douglas,	New Haven.	E. V. Preston,	Hartford.
James Eadie,	Hartford.	Geo. Rapelye,	New Britain.
W. H. Fielding,	Ansonia.	A. B. Ryan,	Middletown.
C. M. Fenner,	Putnam.	D. L. Smith,	Waterbury.
E. C. Frisbie,	Hartford.	J. J. Shepard,	Hartford.
L. A. Gallup,	Norwich.	I. Luther Spencer,	Suffield.
John Gemmill,	Hartford.	A. J. Shipley,	Waterbury.
W. A. Grippin,	Bridgeport.	A. J. Sloper,	New Britain.
W. B. Hall,	Meriden.	C. O. Spencer,	Hartford.
Lewis Hall,	Meriden.	Elliott B. Sumner,	Willimantic.
Edward Habenstein,	Hartford.	Geo. E. Stiles,	Willimantic.
A. J. Harmount,	New Haven.	C. R. Tiffany,	Wallingford.
G. W. Hodge,	Rainbow.	John T. Trott,	Waterbury.
Geo. J. Holmes,	New Britain.	W. F. Walker,	New Britain.
James L. Howard,	Hartford.	Francis Wayland,	New Haven.
Joseph P. Hoyt, Jr.,	Stamford.	F. T. Williams,	Meriden.
Hadlai A. Hull,	Stonington.	J. Allen Wiley,	Hartford.
John Ives,	Meriden.	Pierce N. Welch,	New Haven.
H. M. Jacobs,	Hartford.	Henry R. Wooster,	Deep River.

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Term Expires 1899.

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C H A R T E R.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Passed May, 1820.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened,* That Asahel Morse, Caleb Moore, Joseph B. Gilbert, John Bolles, Hezekiah Huntington, Elisha Cushman, Noadiah Woodruff, David King, Jessie Savage, Pierpont Brockett, David Bolles, Isaac Dwinnell, Eli Ball, George Mitchell, David Turner, Jeremiah Brown, Ashabel Otis, Johnathan Goodwin, Jr., Orra Martin, Asa Talmadge, Chauncey Wheeler, Thomas Wheeler, Elijah Filley, and their associates, be, and they are hereby formed into, constituted and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of "*The Connecticut Baptist Education Society,*" and by that name they and their successors, shall, and may have perpetual succession, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits of whatever nature soever, may have a common seal, and the same alter or change at pleasure. And may also have, purchase, receive, hold, and convey away estate, real, personal, or mixed, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said Baptist Education Society may from time to time elect a president and such other officers and agents as they may find necessary or convenient; may elect and receive additional members; make by-laws respecting number, qualifications and duties of their officers and members; prescribe the mode of election and admission of members; the time, place and manner of holding their meetings; the number necessary to form a quorum; and all other by-laws and regulations which said society may deem necessary for the government and due regulation of its concerns to promote and secure the essential objects of said Society, as expressed in their constitution—not repugnant to the laws of this State, or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The first meeting of said Society shall be held at Hartford, on the first Wednesday of May, A. D. 1821.

SEC. 4. This act of incorporation, and every part thereof, may be altered, amended or repealed at the pleasure of the General Assembly.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be known by the name of THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist young men, who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the kingdom of Christ.

ART. 3. The Society shall consist of such persons as pay into the treasury one dollar or more annually; also of delegates from churches and auxiliary societies, which shall be entitled to representation at the annual meeting as follows, viz: Every church and auxiliary society contributing to the funds of the Society five dollars annually shall be entitled to one delegate, and those contributing ten or more dollars, two delegates; the payment of fifteen dollars in advance shall constitute membership for life.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and five Trustees, to be chosen annually in any manner the Society may determine.

ART. 5. The Society shall also elect by ballot, at its annual meeting, Trustees of the Connecticut Literary Institution, as provided by the amended charter, and actively foster and advance our educational interests in this State.

ART. 6. The officers of this Society shall constitute an Executive Committee to manage the concerns of the Society during its recess, to control its funds and property; to examine and admit candidates to the benefits of the Society; and at every annual meeting of the Society they shall make a faithful report of their doings the preceding year.

ART. 7. The Secretary shall keep a record of the beneficiaries, and record the acts of the Society and of the Executive Committee, draw all orders on the Treasurer authorized by said Committee, conduct the correspondence, give notice of meetings, and prepare the annual report of the Executive Committee to the Society. The Treasurer shall have charge of the current funds of the Society, and pay them out only to the order of the Secretary; he shall also safely hold all bonds, notes, deeds, and other evidences of property belonging to the Society, giving ample security for these trusts. His accounts shall always be open to the inspection of the Executive Committee and Auditor, and he shall make a detailed report of the same quarterly to said Committee, and annually to the Society. The

Auditor shall examine annually, or oftener, the accounts and securities of the Treasurer, and certify the same.

ART. 8. The Executive committee shall annually, at its first quarterly meeting, appoint a Finance Committee of three of its own members, who shall negotiate and invest all legacies, bequests, and other permanent funds of the Society, unless otherwise provided by their donors, according to the laws of Connecticut concerning trust funds.

ART. 9. The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers and transaction of other business shall be holden during the week and at the same place of each meeting of the Convention. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President, at the request of five members of the Executive Committee. The business of the Society may be transacted at all regular meetings by a majority of the members present.

ART. 10. Every person admitted to the benefits of this Society must be a member of some regular Baptist Church. He must produce a letter from said church, certifying his good standing, and its commendation of him as one called of God to the ministry. He must satisfy the Executive Committee that he possesses gifts promising usefulness in the work; and he shall, furthermore, be recommended to the patronage of the Society by at least three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination.

ART. 11. No person shall be aided by this society unless he shall certify his intention to take a full course of study; preparatory, collegiate, and theological, unless, in the opinion of the Executive Committee his age and circumstances do not admit of such a course; and the institutions in which beneficiaries pursue their studies shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee; and, voluntarily failing to enter the ministry, or for sufficient cause being dropped from the list of beneficiaries, he shall refund the money, with interest, he has received from this Society.

ART. 12. The personal services of those who are appointed to manage the concerns of the Society shall be in all respects gratuitous.

ART. 13. No alteration shall be made in the foregoing Constitution, except at an annual meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, written notice of the proposed change having been given and recorded one year previous to its adoption.

N. B.—The Amendment alluded to in Art. 5 is the Amendment to the Charter of the Connecticut Literary Institution, approved July 9, 1862, which reads: "That the Board of Trustees shall consist of not less than twenty-one (21) nor more than thirty-three (33) members, to be chosen for three (3) years, one-third of the number annually, by the Connecticut Baptist Education Society."

NOTICE.—All persons sending money to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society will please send direct to MR. EDWARD MILLER, SR., Meriden.

All communications for the Board, or application for assistance, should be addressed to the Secretary, REV. E. C. SAGE, New Haven.

The regular meetings of the Executive Committee are on the last Tuesdays of December, March, June and September.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING

OF THE

Connecticut Baptist Education Society.

NEW LONDON, Oct. 21, 1896.

The Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting of the Society convened at the First Baptist Church, the Hon. James L. Howard, President of the Society, in the chair.

Rev. A. Guy of Hartford offered prayer.

The President spoke of the fact that nearly all the ministers came from the hills and farms, and need training for the great work which they are to do. These young men should have our sympathy and help.

The Annual report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary.

TO THE CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY

Dear Breiherren—For the year just ending you have had under your care thirteen young men, of whom three were in Seminaries, two in Colleges, seven in preparatory schools, and one pursuing medical studies. The scholastic year beginning with September, 1896, makes some change in the grade of students, which will appear in the following list, which gives the names, church, membership and schools of the roll of young men now aided by your Society.

Name.	Church.	Studying.
F. D. Elmer.....	Bantam.....	Sem. University Ch'go.
Jesse F. Smith....	Suffield, First.....	Brown to Sem. Univ. Ch.
F. W. Blakeslee...	Bridgeport, Wash. Ave.	From Suffield to Colgate.
W. T. Clark.....	Meriden, First.....	Yale, Collegiate.
E. H. Bronson.....	Norwich, First.....	Yale, Seminary.
A. L. Wyman.....	Hartford, Memorial....	Suffield.
C. L. Owens.....	Meriden, First.....	Suffield.
M. J. Twomey.....	Norwich, Central.....	From Suffield to Brown.
M. A. Bolton.....	New London, First....	Prep. St. Johnsbury Vt.
E. K. Smith.....	Hartford, First.....	Suffield.
R. T. Craig.....	Meriden, First.....	Preparatory to Hamilton.
L. J. Bamberg....	New Haven, Grand Ave.	Crozer Seminary.
P. S. Evans, Jr....	New Haven, First.....	Johns Hopkins Medical.

For the current Society year our students are distributed as follows:

In Seminary five, in College three, in Preparatory Schools four, in Medical School one.

A note, not of defense, but of explanation, may not be out of place in this report, with reference to Mr. P. S. Evans, Jr., who is aided in his medical studies. Mr. Evans is a graduate of high standing of Yale University who is fitting himself to be a medical missionary. Our brother brings culture and ability to his medical studies and will no doubt when he enters on his work, be fully fitted by his general and special training, to institute and sustain such medical institutions as may not only indirectly and directly give substantial support to general missionary effects, but largely increase the facilities for reaching the hearts of the people. There is, as information increases, a growing appreciation of the value of the medical missionary, and we rejoice that we are permitted to enroll on our list our first candidate for this important work.

The quarterly reports of our students, together with the information gathered from instructors enable us to commend all these young men to your fullest confidence and affection. Their industry, ability and piety entitle them to your regard, and we trust will secure for them your best efforts to make their burdens no heavier than is needful for them.

Enquiry has been made concerning the willingness of the Society to aid such young women as may be called of God to be missionaries; to which the following response in effect was given; that by Article 2

of the Constitution, "the object of this Society shall be to assist young men who are called of God to preach the Gospel, in acquiring such mental discipline and culture as shall render them more useful in the Kingdom of Christ." The limitation prevents the Executive Committee from considering the application of young women. Some years ago a number of ladies in the State, deploring the fact that there was no provision made for aid to deserving young women, opened a correspondence with your Executive Committee asking whether the Committee could, under the Constitution of the Society, and if it could, would it take charge of and disburse such money as might be placed in its hands, assuming the responsibility of the decision upon the fitness of such young women as might apply for assistance. Answer was made to these ladies, that while the funds of the Education Society, being designed to assist young men, prevented the appropriation of such funds to young women, the Committee fully appreciating the desire of these ladies, would gladly disburse any funds placed in their hands for the purpose of aiding young women. The sister who was the moving spirit in the plan soon after died, no money was sent, and if any effort was ever seriously made to create a fund for this purpose, your Committee is in ignorance of it. If any one desires to create such a fund, there is no doubt that an intimation of a gift of some thousands of dollars, whose income should be devoted to such a worthy end, would lead to an enlargement of our work, by an amendment of our Constitution.

THE YEAR TO COME.

The expense for the coming year, will be larger by reason of several students advancing from preparatory schools to College. There are nine students in College and Seminary, who receive \$125.00 each, making \$1,125, and four preparatory at \$100, each making \$400, a total of \$1,525.00. If this amount only is contributed then all now applicants must be refused. Lay it to heart, brethren. All anxiety would at once pass away if only every church in the State would make an annual offering. It is to be hoped that in the coming year none will fail. The Committee hopefully ask, will not pastors see to it.

Report laid on the table.

The President announced the following Committees :

On Nominations.—Rev. C. A. Piddock, Louis Hall, Rev. J. R. Stubbart.

On Trustees of Connecticut Literary Institution.—Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D.D., Rev. C. L. Rhoades, Rev. Henry Clarke.

On Enrollment.—J. L. Denison, Rev. A. P. Wedge, Rev. E. T. Miller, Rev. J. S. Lyon, Rev. W. C. Martin, L. C. Glazier.

Mr. Edward Miller, Sr., Treasurer, then read his annual report.

EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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18,	Interest Coupon,	30 00
18,	Bond, West Carolina Bank,	1,000 00
10,	Central Baptist Church, Norwich,	75 00
24,	Winsted " " Winsted,	2 78
Aug. 12,	First " " New London,	62 86
19,	E. Washington Ave. Baptist Church, Bridgeport,	14 56
21,	Grand Ave. " " New Haven,	20 48
Aug. 24,	First Baptist Church, Stamford,	10 00
Sept. 5,	Ladies' Aid Society, Cornwall Hollow Baptist Church,	1 00
8,	Memorial Baptist Church, Hartford,	15 00
14,	Deep River " " Deep River,	5 38
	Second " " Waterford,	1 33
15,	" " " Suffield,	6 20
18,	Calvary " " New Haven,	31 04
24,	First " " " "	50 00
29,	" " " Saybrook,	2 00
Oct. 8,	South " " Hartford,	28 31
	Tariffville " " Tariffville,	4 00
	Bills Payable, Edward Miller,	360 00
9,	First Baptist Church, Meriden,	96 72
17,	Contribution, W. F. Walker,	15 00
Oct. 10,	First Baptist Church Meriden,	32 00
	" " " Hartford,	25 00
	" " " New Britain,	51 50
	" " " Waterford,	10 00
	Asylum Ave. " Hartford,	44 51

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EXPENDITURES.

1895.

Oct. 22,	Bills Payable, \$300.00, Edward Miller, with Interest, \$13.45,	\$ 313 45
Nov. 22,	Services at Convention, Rev. D. B. Hahn,	5 00
Dec. 11,	Appropriation, No. 962, F. W. Blakeslee,	50 00

1896.

Feb. 11,	" 963, J. F. Smith,	31 25
	" 964, C. L. Owen,	25 00
	" 965, A. L. Wyman,	25 00
	" 966, M. A. Bolton,	25 00
	" 967, E. H. Bronson,	31 25

	"	968,	L. J. Bamberg,	31 25
	"	969,	F. W. Blakeslee,	25 00
	"	970,	E. H. Smith,	25 00
	"	971,	F. D. Elmer,	31 25
	"	972,	P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31 25
Feb. 12,	"	973,	W. J. Twomey,	25 00
	"	974,	W. F. Clark,	31 25
Apr. 13,	"	975,	F. W. Blakeslee,	25 00
	"	976,	F. W. Clark,	31 25
	"	977,	M. J. Twomey,	25 00
	"	978,	L. J. Bamberg,	31 25
	"	979,	P. S. Evans, Jr.,	31 25
	"	980,	M. A. Bolton,	25 00
	"	981,	A. L. Wyman,	25 00
	"	983,	R. T. Craig,	25 00
Apr. 21,	"	984,	E. H. Bronson,	31 25
June 3,	"	985,	J. F. Smith,	31 25
	"	986,	E. K. Smith,	25 00
July 7,	Bills Payable, \$125.00, Edward Miller, with interest \$13.00, on Bills Payable,			138 00
Aug. 3,	Order Book, I. F. Stidham,			7 47
Aug. 15,	Bills Payable, \$150.00, Edward Miller, with interest \$2.13, on Bills Payable,			152 13
Aug. 4,	Bills Receivable, Edward Miller & Co.,			1,000 00
Oct. 8,	Appropriation, No. 988,	F. W. Blakeslee,	50 00	
	"	989,	P. S. Evans, Jr.,	62 50
	"	990,	C. L. Owen,	50 00
	"	991,	J. F. Smith,	62 50
	"	992,	W. F. Clark,	62 50
	"	993,	M. A. Bolton,	50 00
	"	994,	R. T. Craig,	50 00
	"	995,	E. K. Smith,	50 00
	"	996,	M. J. Twomey,	50 00
	"	997,	A. L. Wyman,	50 00
	"	998,	E. H. Bronson,	62 50
	"	999,	L. J. Bamberg,	62 50
Apr. 13,	"	982,	C. L. Owen,	25 00
Oct. 8,	Expenses,	1,000,	I. F. Stieham,	3 50
	500 Receipt Blanks,			1 00

Oct. 17, Interest on note, \$210 00, Edward Miller, April 13,	
for six months,	6 30
Cash on hand,	177 39
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	\$3,185 49

HARTFORD, Oct. 19, 1896.

Examined and found correct.

THOMAS Sisson, Auditor.

EDWARD MILLER, *Treasurer*,*In account with*

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, Oct. 16, 1895,	\$ 118 53
Collection and annual memberships, at Convention,	56 00
Life Membership, Wm. D. McKinney,	15 00
“ “ Rev. G. H. Gardner,	15 00
Contributions from Churches,	1,060 96
Special Contributions,	215 00
Interest on Bequest fund,	60 00
Bills Payable,	645 00
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	\$4,185 49

EXPENDITURES.

Appropriations,	\$ 1,381 25
Expenses at Convention, Rev. D. B. Hahn,	5 00
Expenses, Secretary,	10 87
Expenses, 500 Receipt Blanks,	1 00
Bills Payable,	575 00
Interest,	34 88
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	177 39
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	\$ 2,185 49
Bills Payable, Outstanding,	\$ 570 00
Cash on hand,	177 39
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Deficit,	\$ 392.61

The report was adopted and ordered printed in the "Minutes."

Rev. H. M. Thompson spoke of the importance of finding the best plan to invest funds so as to secure large returns, and showed that there was no place so good as the investment in consecrated young men.

"A Well Qualified Ministry" was the topic discussed by Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph. D. This is the demand of the age, and the church itself should provide for its own ministry.

Rev. Geo. W. Nicholson showed that "The Short Cut" method fails to meet the demand of the age.

Rev. J. D. Herr, D.D. said that as Baptists have a leading influence in shaping the moral forces at present, the young men in the ministry must be well trained for this work.

Rev. A. Wheaton spoke of the education of the ministry as a means of safely guarding the doctrines and principles for which we stand.

Rev. W. G. Fennell spoke of the importance of the work and then called for pledges for the work for the coming year; and soon \$1,120, were pledged, and \$82.50 were collected from annual members.

H. L. Thompson, the new principal at Connecticut Literary Institution, spoke briefly of the interest of the school.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers presented the following names:

President.—Rev. W. G. Fennell, Meriden.

First Vice-President.—Rev. J. R. Stubbett, New London.

Second Vice-President.—L. S. Morris, Bridgeport.

Secretary.—Rev. E. C. Sage, New Haven.

Treasurer.—Edward Miller, Sr., Meriden.

Auditor.—Thomas Sisson, Hartford.

The Chairman of the Committee was authorized to cast the ballot for these officers, and upon his doing so they were declared elected.

Trustees of the Society.

Rev. G. M. Stone, D.D., Hartford.
 Rev. Harold Pattison, "
 Rev. H. M. Thompson, "
 Mr. J. W. Lamb, "
 Rev. F. G. McKeever, New London.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Committee cast the ballot for these officers, and upon his doing so they were declared elected.

The Committee on Nomination of Trustees for Connecticut Literary Institution presented the following names :

TRUSTEES OF CONNECTICUT LITERARY INSTITUTION.

TERM EXPIRES 1899.

Rev. C. A. Piddock, Hartford.
 Hon. T. H. Spencer, Suffield.
 M. M. Johnson, M. D., Hartford.
 Hon. Jas. L. Howard, Hartford.
 M. H. Smith, Ph. D., Suffield.
 Geo. P. Chandler, Esq., Hartford.
 Mr. Joseph Merriam, Middletown.
 Mr. Charles L. Spencer, Suffield.
 Mr. E. V. Preston, Hartford.
 W. C. King, Esq. Springfield Mass.
 Mr. L. P. Bissell, Suffield.
 E. C. Frisbie, Esq., Hartford.

To take the place of Rev. J. H. Mason, Rev. E. C. Sage ; in the place of Rev. S. D. Phelps, his son, Wm. Lyon Phelps.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Committee be instructed to cast the ballot for these officers, and upon his doing so they were declared elected.

After prayer by Rev. W. G. Fennell the meeting was adjourned.

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

CONNECTICUT BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY,

BY THE PAYMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

Adams, Rev. R. J.
 Allen, Rev. N. T.
 Allen, William D.
 Atwood, Elnathan
 Ambler, Annie M.
 Ambler, James L.
 Andrews, Andrew
 Andrews, Isaac
 Asby, Edward
 Bartlett, Matthew J.
 Bates, James N.
 Batterson, James G.
 Beach, Sharon Y.
 Beach, Theodore B.
 Beaumont, J.
 Beers, George S.
 Bill, Oliver A.
 Birdsey Linns
 Birdsey, R. C.
 Bond, Rev. E. P.
 Bond, Rev. J. E.
 Bromley, Isaac H.
 Bronson, W. S.
 Bronson, Frank S.
 Brotherton, Cyrus C.
 Brown, Rev. J. P.
 Brown, L. R.
 Burdick, Geo. H.
 Burdick, R. M.
 Butrick, Rev. W. H.
 Burgess, Rev. Isaac J.
 Butler, Mrs. Emily J.
 Campbell, Miss Mary
 Canfield, Charles
 Chandler, George P.
 Chapman, Silas, Jr.
 Chase, Rev. J. N.
 Clark, Mrs. Jane A.
 Clark, William B.
 Condel, A. H.
 Corbin, F. E.
 Cooper, Dea. D. S.
 Cordo, Rev. H. A.
 Crane, Rev. C. B.
 Crocker, Dea. Leonard
 Crocker, Oseanns
 Crofut, Henry
 Curtis, William A.

Cutler, William D.
 Davis, G. F.
 Dean, Rev. Wilfred
 Denison, John L.
 Denison, Rev. Frederic
 Ellwood, Helen
 Evans, Rev. P. S.
 Ewing, W. A.
 Fellows, Frank W.
 Fennell, Rev. W. G.
 Fillon, R. A.
 Fitch, Dr. J. C.
 Fitch, Mrs. J. C.
 Freeman, Rev. A. L.
 French, David
 Fry, Mrs. John
 Gardner, Rev. Geo. H.
 Garton, Rev. J. V.
 Gates, Dea. Horace S.
 Gill, Rev. W. I.
 Gowen, Rev. L. D.
 Gager, Charles E.
 Green, Jay
 Gridley, Joel A.
 Griffin, C. A.
 Jamlin, E. C.
 Hart, Daniel H.
 Hayes, J. W.
 Herr, Rev. J. D.
 Herr, Mrs. J. D.
 Hiccox, Rev. E. T.
 Holbrook, Rev. C. F.
 Howard, James L.
 Huribut, J. W.
 Hyatt, Mary A.
 Irish, Mrs. Sarah P.
 Ives, John
 Ives, Rev. Sumner A.
 Ives, N. P.
 Ives, Mrs. Wealthy S.
 James, Rev. J. S.
 Johnson, Rev. Cyrus A.
 Judd, W. S.
 Kelly, J. V. D.
 Keys, William
 Kneeland, Rev. F. W.
 Kneeland, Mrs. F. W.
 Lathrop, Rev. Edward

Ludlow, Elizabeth
 Ludlow, Mary
 Marvin, George
 Mason, Rev. A. F.
 McCarth, Rev. William
 McKinney, Rev. W. D.
 McWhinnie, James
 Merriam, J. B.
 Miller, Rev. D. Henry
 Miller, Edward
 Miller, Benjamin L.
 Mills, Rev. R. C.
 Mitchell, Julius R.
 Montgomery, William
 Morris, D. E.
 Morse, Rev. B. S.
 Morse, H. J.
 Mosely, E. W.
 Munyan, Chester G.
 Murdock, Rev. J. N.
 Muzzy, Rev. Lawson
 Newell, E. Z.
 Neale, Stephen Douglas
 Newcomb, James
 Nicholson, Rev. Geo. W.
 Nordell, Spaulding
 Ostrander, Mrs. Sarah J.
 Parker, S. A.
 Pattison, Rev. T. Harwood
 Pearson, Lucius T.
 Perkins, William
 Perkins, R. B.
 Phelps, Mrs. S. Elmilia
 Phelps, Rev. Dryden W.
 Phelps, Rev. Arthur S.
 Phelps, William L.
 Pickett, Dea. William
 Plant, William
 Plant, Alfred
 Potcat, Rev. E. M.
 Potter, Rev. C. W.
 Potter, Rev. L. L.
 Post, Julius P.
 Pratt, Horace H.
 Preston, Edward V.
 Preston, S. T.
 Prowitt, Charles S.
 Prowitt, J. T.

Prior, George
 Ray, Rev. C. W.
 Reid, Mrs. Williams
 Reynolds, G. L.
 Richardson, Rev. J. W.
 Robins, Rev. Henry E.
 Robbins, William H.
 Robinson, Silas
 Robinson, S. A.
 Robinson, Elizabeth
 Rogers, Calvin B.
 Sage, Rev. A. Judson
 Saunders, H. H.
 Setchell, Charles F.
 Sexton, George
 Shelley, Russell T.
 Sherwood, Mrs. T.
 Shipley, Deacon A.
 Sibley, I. S.
 Silliman, Dea. Ezra
 Sleson, Thomas
 Slate, Daniel L.
 Slater, Rev. F. A.
 Sloper, A. J.

Smith, Dea. C. G.
 Smith, M. H.
 Smith, Rev. Leonard
 Spencer, Carnot O.
 Spencer, Dea. J.
 Starkweather, Mrs. H. E.
 Southworth, Levi B.
 Stevens, W. B.
 Stevens, Dr. B. H.
 Steward, Mrs. Matilda
 Stidham, Rev. I. F.
 Stone, Rev. G. M.
 Stockbridge, Rev. J.
 Stickland, James L.
 Stubbart, Mrs. Emma S.
 Sullivan, W. H.
 Taylor, Rev. J. A.
 Terrell, Edward
 Thompson, A. M.
 Thompson, D. W.
 Tuller, G. W.
 Turner, Peter C.
 Turner, Mrs. Peter C.
 Twiss, Waldo

Vaun, Samuel A.
 Walker, W. F.
 Wallace, James A.
 Ward, N.
 Wayland, Hon. F.
 Weller, Samuel
 West, L. M.
 West, Rev. W. Ward
 Wheaton, Rev. D. D.
 White, Abijah
 White, Mrs. Abigail
 White, J. W.
 Whitford, H. G.
 Wilbur, R. P.
 Wightman, J. E.
 Wightman, Rev. P. G.
 Wilcox, E. H.
 Willard, Charles E.
 Williams, Hon. D. J.
 Williams, James A.
 Willmot, George R.
 Wilson, Rev. Cable
 Wilson, Rev. C. B.

APPLICATION FOR AID.

When a young man applies for aid he is required to present a letter from his church in substance as follows:

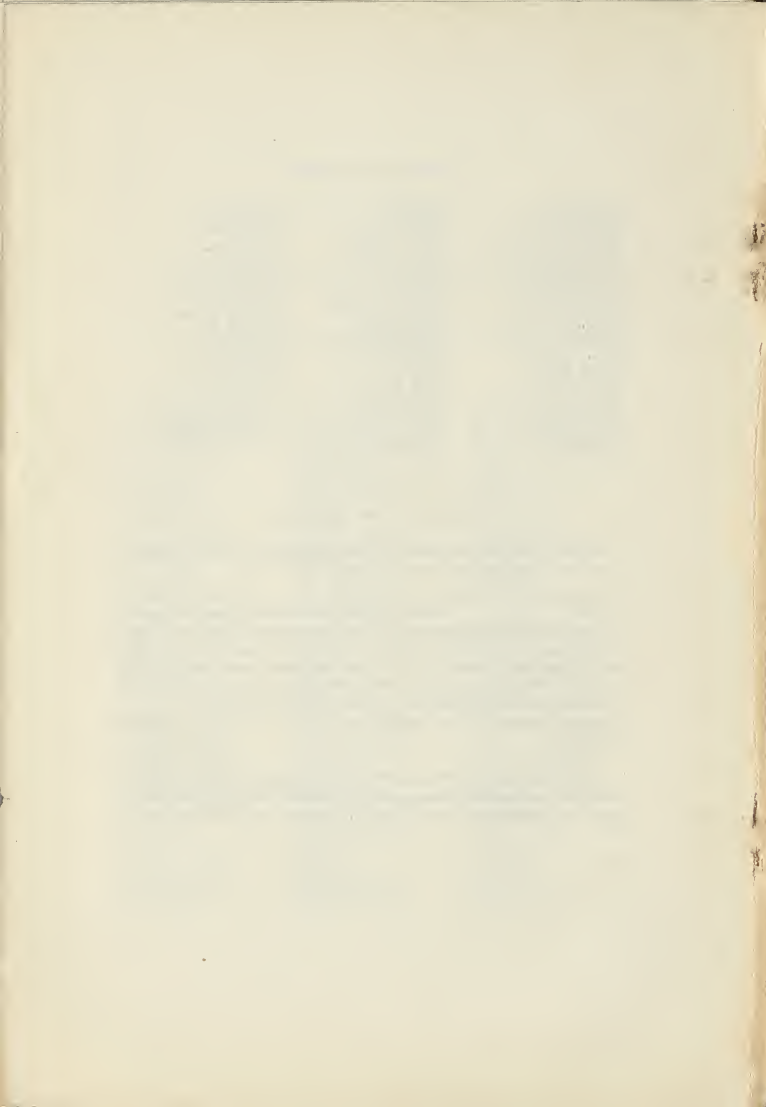
THIS CERTIFIES that Mr. _____ is a regular member of the _____ Baptist Church in this town: that he sustains a good moral and religious character; that in the judgement of this church he is called by the Lord to the Christian ministry; and that he possess talents which, with a good education, would render him useful in this sacred work. He is therefore recommended to the Connecticut Baptist Education Society for their patronage.

Signed by order and in behalf of the _____ Baptist Church in

Clerk,

Pastor.

This Certificate must be endorsed by three regularly ordained ministers of the Baptist denomination, in addition to the signatures of the Clerk and Pastor of the church of which the applicant is a member.



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